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'Park rapist will be brought to justice'

■ Mayor: Police are working tirelessly to catch attacker
■ Fresh appeal for other witnesses to come forward

By George Welch

THE mayor of Didcot has said the people of the town 'refuse to be intimidated and frightened' following the rape of a woman in Edmonds Park.

Tuesday marked two weeks since the woman in her 30s was raped in the Didcot park.

Investigations are continuing into the rape and police have released fresh appeals for information and are asking for specific witnesses to contact them.

The woman, who went into Edmonds Park at about 6.45pm on October 11, was walking near the outdoor gym equipment when a man tripped her from behind.

After falling to the ground, she was raped by a male attacker. The offender then ran off in the direction of Park Road.

The woman was found at about 7pm the same evening in a distressed state by a member of the public in Newlands Avenue.

The mayor of Didcot, Steve Connel, has said the authorities will not stop until the rapist is caught.

He said: "From day one this horrible incident has had teams of forensic specialists, rape support units and senior detectives working tirelessly on it and from conversations I have had with the police I know that this level of effort will not diminish until the rapist is brought to justice."

The offender is described as being 5ft 7ins or taller and was wearing a

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• Mayor of Didcot Steve Connel says people in Didcot have been a little more careful since the woman was raped in Edmonds Park

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Killer sentenced to life for murdering Oxford bookseller

By George Welch

A MAN who killed an Oxford bookseller and art dealer has been sentenced to life imprisonment and will spend at least 34 years behind bars.

Jurors unanimously convicted Michael Danaher, 50, of murder after just two hours and two minutes deliberation at Oxford Crown Court on Monday.

Adrian Greenwood, 42, who was killed on April 6, was found by his cleaner at his Iffley Road home the next day with 33 stab wounds.

Danaher from Peterborough will now spend at least 34 years in prison for his frenzied attack.

The court heard how Mr Greenwood, who sustained more than 40 injuries to his head, chest, neck, back and limbs, was killed for a £50,000 first edition of 'The Wind in the Willows'.

Prosecuting, Oliver Saxby QC said Danaher's actions were motivated by greed. Mr Saxby added: "It wasn't simply the rich and famous, the common theme was people with money."

During the trial the jury heard how Danaher had created a list of 'enterprises' – 14 people whom he had planned to steal from or attack.

Danaher, who denied murder but claimed he killed Mr Greenwood in self-defence, told the jury a man who sometimes used his laptop must have created the list.

Danaher would not name the man because he said an inmate in prison had threatened him.

He also said internet searches within 48 hours of Mr Greenwood's death for 'rich singletons', 'guns', 'getting away with murder', 'safes', 'Wind in the Willows', Beatrix Potter' and 'Peter Rabbit' were made by the unknown man.

He told the court he met Mr Greenwood at an auction in Henley probably 'at the tail end of 2015'.

Danaher admitted to searching for information about Mr Greenwood online.

He said: "I thought it would be good to learn from him and the way he advertises."

Danaher visited Mr Greenwood's home in Iffley Road on March 17 and bought two crates of books from him. He said he told Mr Greenwood he would return a few weeks later to buy more if the books sold.

When he did next visit the property on April 6, he killed Mr Greenwood.

• Adrian Greenwood was murdered by Michael Danaher who took this selfie outside Mr Greenwood's Iffley Road home after the attack

Police: Pleased jury saw through the lies

AFTER Monday's conviction and sentence of Michael Danaher, senior investigating officer Det Supt Kevin Brown and senior crown prosecutor for Thames and Chiltern Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) Rebecca Waller made a joint statement.

They said: "We are very pleased that the jury have seen through Michael Danaher's lies, self pity and arrogance and have convicted him of Adrian Greenwood's murder.

"Adrian's family have been living a nightmare since April 7. This case represents a tragedy for them and Adrian's friends who have been devastated by his death.

"Today's conviction and sentence won't bring them any comfort, but I hope they are satisfied the man who killed their loved one has now been punished.

"We believe Michael Danaher gained access to Adrian's home by purporting to be interested in purchasing one of the many rare books he kept at home. He left over two hours later taking Adrian's mobile phone, laptop, wallet, camcorder, camera and the rare and valuable first edition of Wind in the Willows which he knew Adrian had for sale on eBay, for the sum of £50,000.

"There is no doubt Danaher's intentions were serious, demonstrated by the fact he attempted a robbery at the home of investor, Adrian Beecroft, in London in March this year.

"From as early as January 2016, Danaher was travelling from Peterborough to Oxford in order to recce Adrian's property and gather information about him, such as his car registration and home telephone number.

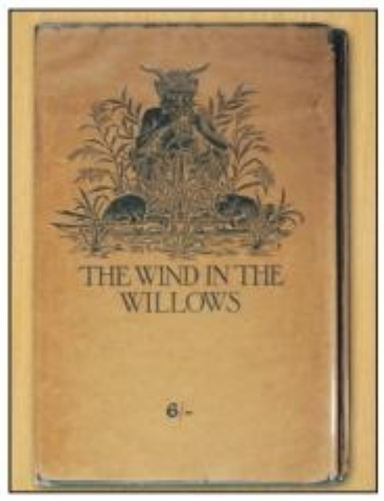
"Danaher is clearly an extremely calculated, ruthless, and violent man. He has shown no remorse for this brutal murder; instead he tried to claim he was acting in self defence and that Adrian attacked him.

"Danaher sustained only some minor scratches ... his arrogance led to him taking a selfie outside of Adrian's address, after he had killed him and stolen property.

"He answered 'no comment' to the majority of questions during police interviews, but provided a prepared statement in which he professed to being 'shocked to hear of Mr Greenwood's death.' However, he later admitted killing Adrian.

"Then, in the aftermath of the murder, Danaher displayed cold, calculated and callous behaviour. Just hours after murdering Adrian, Danaher drafted a letter to another potential victim from whom he was trying to extort money. In this letter he threatened the victim would suffer the same fate as Adrian if they did not comply. Danaher then listed on Ebay Adrian's copy of the first edition of The Wind in the Willows.

"A jury found Danaher guilty of murder despite his denials and fanciful story."



• The Wind in the Willows first edition Michael Danaher stole

Family thanks police for help

STATEMENT published by Thames Valley Police on behalf of the family of Adrian Greenwood:

The family of Adrian Greenwood, who was murdered in his home in Iffley, have said they are pleased "justice was achieved".

The family said: "Adrian Greenwood's family would like to thank the police and the legal team for all their hard work, support and help during the last six months.

"The police have worked amazingly hard to solve this major crime, and the legal team also in bringing this case to court and obtaining a successful outcome.

"We would also like to thank the jury for their concentration and time during this long trial.

"We are very pleased that justice has been achieved for Adrian, with this conviction."

E-Type Jaguar stolen in Didcot

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a classic car was stolen from a Didcot home.

A red E-Type Jaguar on Crafts End was stolen between 4am and 5.30am on Monday, October 17.

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Police issue fresh appeal for witness information

• A forensic officer in Edmonds Park the day after the incident in which a woman was raped – police are asking for witnesses to contact them with any information they may have

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dark hooded top with drawstrings and other dark-coloured clothing.

Mr Connel added: "Although the people of Didcot generally seem to be being a little more careful than they might have been a few weeks ago, we absolutely refuse to be intimidated and frightened by the actions of a single man."

Thames Valley Police have issued new details about potential witnesses who may have been in the area of the park at around the time of the incident, they would like to speak to:

• A person thought to be aged in their fifties with a large beige or white dog, believed to be possibly a Labrador or Golden Retriever.

• A woman who parked her BMW X5 in Fairacres Road just before 7pm and walked into the park.

• Men and women running through the park in high visibility clothing, possibly part of a running group.

• A woman walking a black dog with a muzzle, possibly a West Highland terrier.

• A teenager who was using the outdoor gym equipment in the park near the side closest to Newlands Avenue and who possibly spoke to the victim after the incident.

• A white man, aged in his mid twenties, who was wearing a Superdry hooded top and white knee-length shorts, who was using a silver iPhone.

• A white man, aged in his mid thirties, with dark brown hair who was wearing all black who was walking a dog, a Jack Russell.

Investigating officer, Det Insp Mike Roddy from Oxfordshire Force CID, said: "We would like to trace these people as they may be witnesses to the incident and could have information which would assist our enquiries.

"We are very grateful for the calls and information provided by the public since we began our investigation and would encourage people to continue to contact us even if you believe the details you have are insignificant – they could be important to the investigation.

"We previously appealed for information to trace another man who was a dog walker in the area and have successfully located this person.

"Anyone with any information about the incident should contact the 24-hour Thames Valley Police enquiry centre on 101 quoting reference number 1450 (11/10/16)."

China trekkers help for charity

By George Welch

A TEAM of trekkers have walked 100 miles of the Great Wall of China in eight days for charity.

The team of three from Zonal Retail Data Systems in Didcot – Clive Consterdine, Joel Wilson and Matt Hume – have raised more than £38,000 for Hope For Children, a charity that helps vulnerable youngsters to experience a positive childhood by improving their access to education and healthcare.

The international firm, which supplies hospitality technology solutions, has a base in Florida, and seven across the UK, including at Milton Park.

Along with seven other colleagues in Edinburgh and Stafford, they completed 100 miles of the wall in eight days, and climbed the equivalent of 665 storeys of a building, staying in rural homestays on the way.

Mr Consterdine, Zonal's sales and marketing director, said: "I have always wanted to take on the Great Wall of China and raising money for Hope For Children proved the perfect catalyst to realise my ambition.

"It was a challenge, but the thought of the children we were helping kept us going.

"The amount we have raised has exceeded all our hopes and we would like to thank our colleagues, family and friends who have given so generously. Children around the world will benefit greatly from the money."

• Clive Consterdine (front centre) and his Zonal team, above, including Joel Wilson, Andy Stuart, Chris Jackson, Kayleigh Logan-Cleghorn, Clive Consterdine, Joe Tricass, Lynn Dodd, Danielle Woosnam and Matt Hulme

The trekkers fundraising has brought the total raise by Zonal to date for Hope For Children to more than £70,000.

Ed Fletcher, from Hope For Children, added: "The team have done us proud as this is not a challenge for the faint hearted.

"We continue to be amazed by the enthusiasm and generosity of Zonal employees for our charity – the money really does make a difference to the most vulnerable children here in the UK and overseas, and we are very proud and delighted to have Zonal's support."

Zonal raised the money through cake sales, golf days, sweepstakes and pub quizzes.

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Cyber crime talk

DIDCOT: Thames Valley Police is to host its first ever cyber crime awareness meeting for local businesses next month.

The event, the first of its kind to be organised by the force, will take place on November 30 at The Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot from 9am until 12.15pm.

It is open to small businesses across the Thames Valley with experts on-hand to talk about the risks of cyber-crime.

Road closure

HARWELL: Grove Road in Harwell is to be closed for five weeks to allow the installation of a water main.

The road closure, which will impact traffic using Grove Road from the A4130 eastwards to Manor Green, will come into force on Monday and is expected to take five weeks to complete.

The alternative route for traffic is via: A4130 – A417 Reading Road – B4493 – Grove Road and vice-versa.

Rail piling works

DIDCOT: Network Rail will be carrying out piling works this weekend as part of the preparation for work for future electric trains to run in the area.

The work will be undertaken from 10pm on Saturday until 10am on Sunday.

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Conservative majority cut as Courts survives a scare

By George Welch

THE Conservative Party survived a scare in the Witney by-election last week as the resurgent Liberal Democrats made significant gains in David Cameron's old seat.

Robert Courts was elected as Witney's new Conservative MP in the early hours of Friday with 45 per cent of the vote, but the Tories' majority was slashed by over 20,000 votes, down from 25,155 to 5,702.

This followed a huge campaign effort from Lib Dem candidate Liz Leffman and her team, who guided the party from seven per cent of the vote in last year's general election to 30 per cent in last week's by-election.

Mrs Leffman said: "This is an incredible result for the Liberal Democrats. I am so grateful to the people of West Oxfordshire for supporting me in such large numbers, and helping me deliver a message to the Conservative Brexit government that we will not stand for them dragging us out of the Single Market and putting local jobs at risk.

"The people of Witney have fired a shot across the bows of Theresa May.

"I will continue to fight for local people on the district council and will stand for the county next year – my commitment to the area remains absolute."

High profile visits of Liberal heavyweights, including national party leader Tim Farron and former leaders Nick Clegg and Paddy Ashdown, helped the party to a 19 per cent swing.

Mr Farron said: "We started here in fourth place but have blown Labour and UKIP out of the water.

"The result not only signals that the Liberal Democrats are back in the political big time and the return to three party politics, it is a clear rejection of the Conservative Brexit government plan to take Britain out of the Single Market.

"This was the 10th safest Tory seat in the country with a massive 25,000 majority, yet the Conservatives were seriously rattled."

• *New MP Robert Courts vowed to be a strong voice for the people of Witney, watched by a delighted Liz Leffman*

It is the best by-election swing against the Conservatives by any party since the Winchester by-election victory nearly two decades ago.

Despite enrolling help from current Prime Minister Theresa May and former Prime Minister Mr Cameron during their campaign, the Tories' share of the vote fell from 60 per cent in 2015 to 45 per cent.

At the same time, the Lib Dems surged past Labour into second, with Duncan Enright's share falling from 17 per cent to 15 per cent. The Green Party and UKIP also saw a drop.

After a victory speech, in which he said he would provide a 'strong local voice in Parliament', Mr Courts left shortly after without speaking to the press.

Mr Courts has since said: "It is a huge honour to have been elected as the MP for the area I love, live in and call home.

"Thank you to everyone who has supported me. I look forward to being a strong local voice in Parliament for the people of Witney and West Oxfordshire."

The turnout was 46.74 per cent, down from 73.3 per cent in 2015.

Mr Cameron congratulated Mr Courts via Twitter. He said: "Many congratulations - you'll be a great MP and representative for Witney and West Oxfordshire."

Candidate	Votes
Robert Courts (Con)	17,313 (45.02%)
Liz Leffman (Lib Dem)	11,611 (30.19%)
Duncan Enright (Lab)	5,765 (14.99%)
Larry Sanders (Green)	1,363 (3.54%)
Dickie Bird (UKIP)	1,354 (3.52%)
Dr Helen Salisbury (NHAP)	433 (1.13%)
Daniel Skidmore (Ind)	151 (0.39%)
Mad Hatter (Loony)	129 (0.34%)
Nicholas Ward (Ind)	93 (0.24%)
David Bishop (Bus Pass Elvis)	61 (0.16%)
Lord Toby Jug (Eccentric)	59 (0.15%)
Winston McKenzie (Eng Dem)	52 (0.14%)
Emilia Arno (Love)	44 (0.11%)
Adam Knight (Ind)	27 (0.07%)
Turnout	46.74%

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Man's body found

OXFORD: Police have discovered a body in North Oxford, believed to be that of missing man Fraser Anderson.

• *Fraser Anderson*

Mr Anderson, 24, was last seen on Wednesday last week on Squitchey Lane, in North Oxford. Although formal identification is yet to take place, the body is believed to be that of Mr Anderson.

Police, who had said they were 'very concerned' about his wellbeing, are not treating the incident as suspicious.

His next of kin have been informed.

Hugh gets a star

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Man sentenced to life for rape

By George Welch

A WITNEY man has been sentenced to a lifetime behind bars after being convicted of rape.

Callum King, 25, of Priory Mill Lane, pleaded guilty at Oxford Crown Court on September 29 to one count of rape, one count of grievous bodily harm and one count of sexual assault.

He was sentenced to life with a minimum term of nine years and three months.

The offences relate to two incidents – one in Oxfordshire and the other in Dorset.

On June 4, King approached a woman in her 20s, assaulted her and then raped her at Langdale Common, Witney.

On June 6, 2015, King attacked and sexually assaulted a woman at a property in Bournemouth.

He also pleaded guilty to a further count of sexual assault, one count of trespass with intent to commit a sexual offence, and one count of actual bodily harm in relation to the incident in Dorset at a previous court hearing.

King was sentenced at Oxford Crown Court on Friday.

He received five years' imprisonment for the GBH offence and four years' imprisonment for the sexual assault, which will run concurrently.

He was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment for the offences in Dorset, also to run concurrently.

King was arrested in connection with the Oxfordshire offence on June 9 and was charged the following day.

• Callum King has been jailed for sex crimes in Witney and Bournemouth

£50,000 for under city heat network

A PLAN to install a heat network under Oxford to reduce the city's carbon emissions has taken a step forward with a £50,000 grant to the city council.

Oxford City Council has been investigating the possible benefits of installing a network of pipes under city centre and Headington areas to allow buildings to share efficient methods of generating heat and electricity with neighbours.

The grant has come from the Government's Heat Network Development Unit and will help fund and further the development of the project.

The network would allow businesses in the city centre to heat their properties from the same high-efficiency boilers and CHP (Combined Heat and Power) plant.

This is the first step towards the council's aim of building a large network of heat pipes running under Oxford to heat homes via 'high-efficient methods'.

It is thought that installing a heat network under Oxford could reduce carbon emissions by as much as 20 per cent – or more if renewable energy technologies are deployed.

• Cllr John Tanner

In addition to cutting heat wastage and carbon emissions, it is hoped the project could save energy users on their bills.

Oxford City councillor John Tanner, executive board member for a clean and green Oxford, said: "It's excellent that the city council has got some money back from the Government to spend on reducing Oxford's carbon footprint.

"Sharing heat between buildings using highly insulated underground pipes makes a lot of sense. This is only a feasibility study but it could lead to big changes for Oxford."

The feasibility study, which mapped the heat consumption of 195 buildings around Oxford city centre and Headington, found that there is a strong carbon reduction and commercial case for installing a heat network beneath the city centre.

The £136,000 study, largely funded by the government's department of energy and climate change, also found there is scope for expanding the network to take in more of the city centre.

Now the government's Heat Network Development Unit has given the city council a further £50,000 to build on the feasibility study and undertake the detailed project development phase.

This will see the development of more detailed plans, including a business case and a mapping of power, gas and sewage pipes.

The detailed project development phase is expected to be completed in 2017.

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Rapist guilty of multiple child sex crimes

OXON: An Oxford rapist is 'where he belongs' after he was convicted of child sex offences last week.

Paul Wells, 45, from High Street, Beckley, was found guilty of a number of sex offences with children by a unanimous jury at Oxford Crown Court on Tuesday last week after a seven-day trial.

He was found guilty of eight offences of sexual activity with a child, one count of rape of a female aged 15 and under and two counts of making indecent photographs of a child.

The offences took place in Oxfordshire between 2011 and 2013 and involved two girls aged under 16.

He will be sentenced on November 18 at the same court.

Det Con Kelly Gilbert of the child abuse investigation unit said: "I am so pleased with the outcome of this trial. Finally Wells is where he belongs and the girls in this case can try to move forward with their lives."

Hammer attack

OXFORD: A teenager was attacked with a hammer while he was waiting for a bus in Oxford.

The attack took place at around 4.40pm on Thursday last week when a 16-year-old boy was waiting for a bus on St Clements Street.

Police are looking for a dark coloured people carrier.

They believe it was carrying the five or six men who attacked the boy.

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Five charged in sex abuse raids

By George Welch

FIVE men have appeared in court after police raided homes in Oxford as part of a child sex abuse crackdown.

Thames Valley Police carried out warrants at 11 properties across the city in an operation involving about 160 officers.

The raids, known as Operation Rolo, took place at dawn on Tuesday, and included properties in East Oxford, Cowley and Headington, and related to the alleged abuse of two girls between 2002 and 2004.

Nine men were arrested. Five were charged on Wednesday while four others have been released on bail. The five appeared at Oxford Magistrates' Court on Thursday October 20.

Moinul Islam, 40, of Wykeham Crescent, has been charged on one count of conspiracy to rape, and one count of conspiracy to commit buggery. The charges are in connection with offences between February 23, 2004 and March 4, 2004.

He has also been charged with two counts of supplying Class B drugs, one count of supplying class A drugs, and one count of supplying Class C drugs.

He spoke only to confirm his name.

Ceejay Jackson, 54, of Leon Close, has been charged with one count of conspiracy to rape and one count of conspiracy to commit buggery. The charges are in connection with offences between February 23, 2004 and March 4, 2004.

He denied all the charges.

Haji Naim Khan, 36, of The Willows, has been charged on one count of kidnap, one count of conspiracy to rape, and one count of trafficking for sexual exploitation. The charges are in connection with offences that took place between September 27, 2004 and December 31, 2004.

• *An officer prepares for the raids after a briefing*

Pervez Ahmed, 40, of Cumberland Road, has been charged on one count of kidnap, one count of conspiracy to rape, and one count of trafficking for sexual exploitation. The charges are in connection with offences that took place between the September 27, 2004 and December 31, 2004.

Khan and Ahmed both pleaded not guilty to the first two charges.

Raheem Ahmed, 39, of Starwort Path, has been charged on three counts of indecent assault. The charges are in connection with offences that took place between July 3, 2000 and July 6, 2000, and between November 11, 2000 and November 10, 2001.

He entered not guilty pleas to two counts but did not enter a plea for a third charge.

After the arrests, local police area commander for Oxford, Supt Joe Kidman, said although "this is a complex investigation", tackling child sexual exploitation, is an "absolute priority" for the force.

Stagecoach launches contactless payment

• *Oxfordshire County Council leader Ian Hudspeth (right) and Martin Sutton, managing director of Stagecoach in Oxfordshire*

BUS passengers in Oxfordshire can now pay for their travel using state-of-the-art contactless technology.

Stagecoach launched the service, which allows passengers to pay for their bus journeys by credit or debit card and by mobile phone, at Water Eaton Park and Ride, Oxford, last Thursday.

Contactless is now live on all Stagecoach buses across Oxfordshire as well as Oxford Tube, 365 days a year.

New dedicated ticket machines have been installed on the fleet of around 180 vehicles and it is hoped around 20 million users a year will benefit from the service.

Martin Sutton, managing director at Stagecoach in Oxfordshire, said he was "delighted" Oxfordshire customers are amongst the first to benefit from the new technology.

He added: "We know from our research that one of the issues that can put people off using the bus is not knowing the fare in advance or being worried about having enough change to make the journey. Contactless takes that problem away."

Transport minister Andrew Jones, who was at the launch, welcomed the move. He said: "Buses make vital journeys possible every day. The roll-out of contactless payment technology on Stagecoach bus services will help hundreds of thousands of passengers."

• *Transport Minister Andrew Jones*

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Officer sentenced

CARTERTON: A Thames Valley Police officer from Carterton has been sentenced to seven years in prison for rape.

PC Richard Hale, 35, of Peel Place, was found guilty of rape at a trial that began on October 3, at Oxford Crown Court.

On December 3, 2001, Hale met the woman in her 20s and they visited pubs in Witney before going to a house in Peel Place where he raped her.

High street assualt

OXFORD: A cyclist has sustained serious head injuries after he was assaulted on Oxford's High Street.

A 47-year-old man was cycling from the direction of Carfax between 11.30pm and 11.45pm on Tuesday when he was approached by a group of men who kicked him, causing him to fall off his bicycle.

The group then left and witnesses called an ambulance.

The man sustained serious head injuries and is receiving treatment at the John Radcliffe Hospital. Contact police on 101.

Blowers stolen

ROTHERFIELD PEPPARD: Two leaf blowers and two strimmers were stolen from a tractor shed in Grey's Court at 1.42am on Friday. It is thought the thieves were driving a Subaru Impreza.

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Governors call

OXON: South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust is looking for people to stand for election to its council of governors.

In total, there are 10 public governor seats for residents in Oxfordshire, Hampshire, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire.

To be eligible you need to live in the county you wish to represent, be 16 or over, and join up as a member of the trust.

Radiohead date

ABINGDON: Rock group Radiohead, made up of former pupils of Abingdon School, has been confirmed as the first headline act for next summer's Glastonbury Festival.

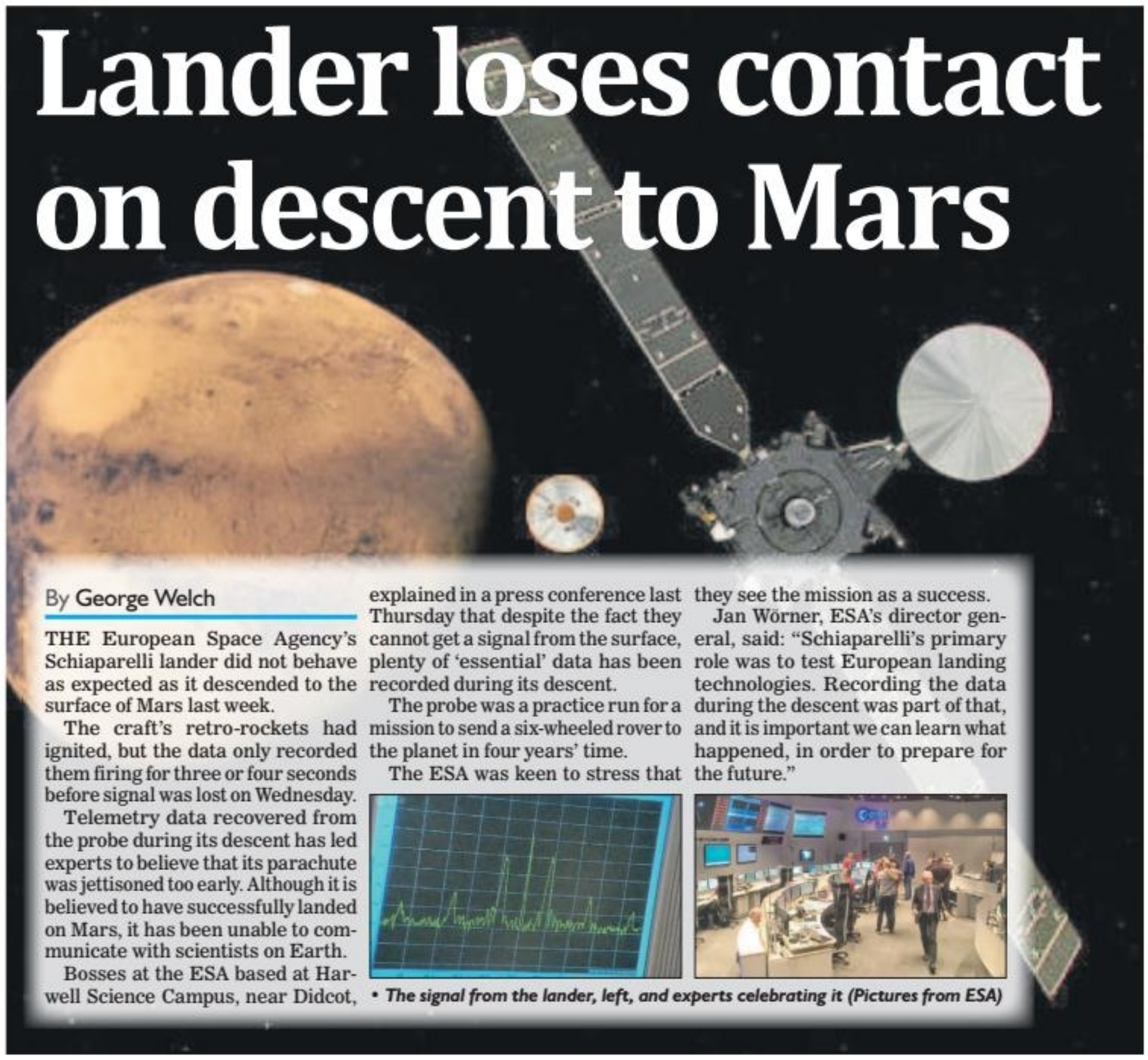
Radiohead is the only band to have been revealed so far. The announcement was made on Thursday last week.

Parking change

SOUTH AND VALE: South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse district councils are changing the service they use for people to pay for car parking by mobile phone.

From Tuesday, November 1, car park users will be able to pay by mobile using the new Connect Cashless system, which replaces the RingGo service. People can still also pay by cash.

Lander loses contact on descent to Mars



By George Welch

THE European Space Agency's Schiaparelli lander did not behave as expected as it descended to the surface of Mars last week.

The craft's retro-rockets had ignited, but the data only recorded them firing for three or four seconds before signal was lost on Wednesday.

Telemetry data recovered from the probe during its descent has led experts to believe that its parachute was jettisoned too early. Although it is believed to have successfully landed on Mars, it has been unable to communicate with scientists on Earth.

Bosses at the ESA based at Harwell Science Campus, near Didcot, explained in a press conference last Thursday that despite the fact they cannot get a signal from the surface, plenty of 'essential' data has been recorded during its descent.

The probe was a practice run for a mission to send a six-wheeled rover to the planet in four years' time.

The ESA was keen to stress that they see the mission as a success.

Jan Wörner, ESA's director general, said: "Schiaparelli's primary role was to test European landing technologies. Recording the data during the descent was part of that, and it is important we can learn what happened, in order to prepare for the future."

• *The signal from the lander, left, and experts celebrating it (Pictures from ESA)*

Road closure for flooding alleviation scheme work is avoided

A SIX-WEEK closure of Oxford's Old Abingdon Road to allow preliminary work for a £120 million flood alleviation scheme will not now go ahead.

The Environment Agency had been planning to close the road from Monday this week, but will now keep it open by using temporary traffic lights when work starts a week later than originally planned this coming Monday.

The traffic lights will be at the junction of Old Abingdon Road and Kennington Road.

An Agency spokesman said: "We will still complete the works by the first week of December."

The EA is carrying out an archaeological dig as part of the Oxford Flood Alleviation Scheme. Part of it includes building culverts underneath the road to reduce a pinch-point at Old Abingdon Road.

Joanna Larmour, Oxford Flood Alleviation Scheme director, said: "We know this will cause some minor disruption in the short term.

"We hope people travelling in Oxford will be understanding of this and see the wider benefits that the scheme will have for the city in the future."

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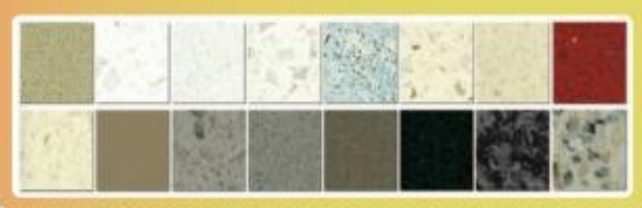

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Rare Islamic art exhibition opens at Ashmolean

By George Welch

WORKS of Islamic art have gone on display at the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford for a new exhibition.

Hundreds of objects from Morocco to China make up the Power and Protection exhibit at the Beaumont Street museum, which is hosting the first major exhibition to explore the supernatural in the art of the Islamic world.

The items, which date from the 12th to the 20th centuries, have been used as sources of guidance and protection in both the private sphere and in dramatic events such as battles and royal births.

Amongst the displays are dream-books, talismanic clothing and jewel-encrusted amulets.

Imam Monawar Hussain, founder of The Oxford Foundation, which provides innovative educational resources for young people, said: "Power and Protection brings together the most beautiful array of Islamic objects and works of art which illustrate an aspect of the lived experience of many Muslims.

"In sharing this aspect of the Islamic tradition – one that is common across many different religions – at a time of such misunderstandings about Islam, I am convinced that this exhibition will help to deepen and enrich people's appreciation of our faith."

Professor Tariq Ramadan, a professor of contemporary Islamic studies at St Antony's College, Oxford University, said: "This exhibition is a great opportunity for anyone who wants to find out more about Islam and Muslims.

"With an emphasis less on theory and more on Islamic practices, hopes and even superstitions, the exhibiton shows the many creative paths which Muslims follow towards the Oneness of God (Tawhid)."

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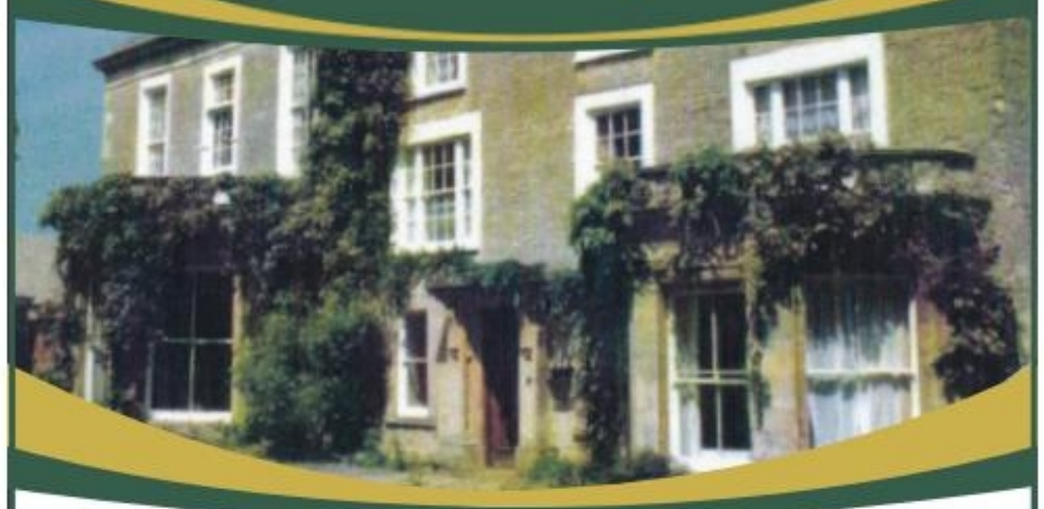

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Three Oxfordshire towns eye award

By Samantha McGregor

• *From left: Helen Johns (GB High Street Coordinator), Lizzie Fuller (Community Project Support Officer), Norma Laver, (A Piece of Cake), Sonja Francis (Coordinator – Town Centre Social Media Champions), Graham Hunt (Town Clerk), Nichola Dixon (Deputy Mayor) and Sarah Lister (IMS Mortgage Solutions).*

THREE Oxfordshire towns have made it to the final of the Great British High Street Awards.

Almost 900 applications were received for the 2016 contest across 14 categories.

Banbury is up against Blackburn, Lancashire and Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, for best town centre, while Chipping Norton and Thame face Hebden Bridge, Calderdale, Yorkshire, for best small town award.

Personalities across the towns are also up for awards, in Chipping Norton Imogen Haverty, of The Tea Set, was nominated in the under 25 category for young people blazing a trail on their high streets, while Chris Hurdman, of Thame, was nominated for Retail Market Champion.

Also up for the Best Shop on Twitter category is The Artery, Banbury, @thearteryshop

In a statement, the Great British High Street Awards said: "We were bowled over by the quality and quantity of this year's applications and getting down to the three finalists in each category was a real struggle."

The public vote marks half of the the result, and the other 50 per cent will be decided by an expert judging panel.

The winners of the Great British High Street Awards will be announced in December and if successful, towns will win a share of a cash prize, and dedicated support and mentoring from industry experts, including one-to-one coaching and advice on digital marketing.

Thame's bid was led by Sonja Francis and Helen Johns, in a joint statement they said: "We're proud that Thame is one of Britain's best high streets and hope this will be a real boon for the town.

"We're pulling out all the stops to make sure local people know about Thame's shortlisting. Now we just need everyone to show their support and get voting."

Cllr Kieron Mallon, leader of Banbury Town Council, said: "People from the area regard Banbury as their regional retail centre and they shop here on a regular basis.

"Banbury has been shortlisted for this prestigious award because it is a thriving market town offering a full range of shopping opportunities – from small bespoke shops to large multiples.

"The 'old town' shopping streets in Banbury are full of small independent stores, pubs and restaurants and they trade alongside the bigger shops in the Castle Quay Shopping Centre."

To vote for your town view www.thegreatbritishhighstreet.co.uk

New charity offers welfare advice

• *Andy Willis, Banbury's winner of the Halifax Giving Extra Awards 2016, has set up the new advice centre*

A NEW charity that has made Banbury its home has launched a fund raising initiative.

Banburyshire Advice Centre is to open in Marlborough Road Methodist Church, Marlborough Road.

The centre will offer welfare and general advice to over 50s, and a career counselling service for adults across the county by phone, face-to-face and via email.

Founder Andy Willis said he decided to set up in the town because of the "huge number of housing developments".

He said: "Our services are different to CAB as we don't give debt or legal advice and we may be offering other services the CAB do not run.

"Our services are needed due to the huge amount of housing developments in the town, so there are enough clients to go around for all advice services in the town. We work in partnership with many organisations for the good of the general public."

Until November 17, the charity is urging groups, businesses and individuals to donate £10 to the group's Localgiving Grow Your Tenner campaign.

To donate view localgiving.org/banburyshire

News Bites

Woman, 80, robbed

BANBURY: A man followed an 80-year-old woman into an alleyway and stole her purse.

He tried to grab the pensioner's bag from behind and in a struggle the bag fell on the floor and he grabbed the victim's purse.

A 20 year-old-man from Banbury has been arrested on suspicion of robbery after the incident on Wednesday last week at around 10.55am in the alley leading from Castle Street. He has been bailed until November 16.

Pensioners' party

THAME: Pensioners are being invited to the annual Senior Citizen's Christmas Tea Party organised jointly by the town Council, Rotary and Inner Wheel.

Hosted at Thame Football Club, the event takes place on Friday, December 9, from 1.30pm to 4pm.

The event is free and transport is provided, but places must be booked.

For more information call Rosie Collins on 01844 212833 or visit the Town Hall Information Centre.

Career and skills fair

BICESTER: Young people and anyone considering a career change can meet employers from a range of sectors at today's Bicester Skills and Careers Fair at Bicester Technology Studio, Queens Avenue, from 3pm to 6pm.

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'Teach us new skills' appeal by charity trio

By Sam Cooper

• Matt, Nick and Alice with Wiltshire bellringers

THREE friends are touring the country hoping to learn new skills and raise cash for charity at the same time – and they want your help.

Matthew Bowen, Nick Street and Alice Albery are set to hit Oxfordshire in the next leg of their journey, learning new skills and trying new hobbies, all with the aim of raising £1,000 for the Alzheimer's Society.

The trio from Bournemouth have each lost relatives to the disease, and are embarking on the challenge to raise awareness and funds to support sufferers. It has been shown that engaging in skills and activities can help Alzheimer's sufferers, and the three are aiming to try something new in every UK county.

Nick said: "Learning extra-curricular skills can be a release from stresses of everyday life, and lead to confidence, happiness and personal progression. It's also a great way to meet new friends."

The trio kicked off their UK tour by trying their hands at wood-turning in Dorset, and have since been taught how to breakdance, ring church bells and give a back massage.

The friends give money to the charity each time they learn a new skill.

They are eager for someone who is passionate about what they do, anything from fixing a car to sewing a dress, to doing a handstand on water skis to come forward and give them a lesson.

Of the challenge, Alice said: "We can't wait to meet ordinary people with extraordinary talents.

"We can't think of a better way to see the UK, and it'll be great to raise money for an amazing cause that's close to all our hearts."

Anyone who would like to teach Matthew, Alice and Nick their skills can register their interest at www.teach-us.uk

• St Mary's Church in Witney (Picture courtesy of Witney Town Council)

Church added to list of 'at risk' buildings

A CHURCH in Witney has been added to Historic England's Heritage at Risk register.

It gives a yearly account of the condition of some of the South East's most important historic sites and this year includes St Mary's Church.

Across the region, 53 sites have been removed from the register this year, while 28 have been added due to concerns about their condition.

The grade-I listed church, with a 13th-century central tower and spire, dominates Church Green. It was added to the register due to deterioration of limestone slate roofs to the chancel and former organ loft, allowing in rain.

The church has recently received a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund for urgent repairs, and Historic England will advise on the works.

It is hoped that the repairs will be made next year.

The grade-II listed Gothic Temple at Shotover Park and the ruins of the Old Church of St James at Bix Bottom have been removed from the register.

News Bites

Deer rescued

MARSTON: Fire crews helped save a trapped deer in Marston on Tuesday.

They were called to the deer, whose body was stuck in a fence at Marston Ferry Road, Oxford, at 10.15am.

Firefighters from Rewley Road, Oxford and Kidlington used a hydraulic rescue tool to open the metal railings and released the animal unharmed into nearby fields.

Club donates

OXON: Young farmers have raised funds for the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution.

The charity gives grants totalling about £2m per year to farming people in financial need in England and Wales.

Enstone Young Farmers' Club donated £1,000 after holding a charity ball and auction.

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Bottle attack

OXFORD: A man was injured when he was hit by a glass bottle in Oxford.

The 24 year-old man was struck by another man outside the Las Iguanas restaurant in Park End Street at 3.30am on Sunday, October 16.

The victim sustained a large cut to his forehead and was treated at the John Radcliffe Hospital for treatment.

The offender is white, about 5ft 10ins, of skinny build with a shaved head. Call 101.

Landlords fined

OXFORD: Two Oxford landlords of houses in multiple occupation (HMO) have been ordered to pay nearly £15,000 in fines and costs after being convicted of housing offences.

Zahid Ali Rana, 57, of Boundary Brook Road, Oxford, and Harold Alexander Kershaw, 66, of Eden Drive, Oxford, were prosecuted on charges relating to safety features and licensing of their rented HMO properties.

The two were convicted at Oxford Magistrates' Court on October 4.

Absence fines

OXON: The county council issued just 69 school absence fines to families in 2015/16, a study by law firm Simpson Millar has revealed.

Bayeux tapestry in glass

A 'BAYEUX tapestry in glass' was on show over the weekend at Christ Church in Oxford.

Roots of Knowledge, a 200 ft long, 10 ft high stained-glass mural depicting the story of humanity has been 12 years in the making and journeys through the ages of the earth detailing notable historical figures and events.

Utah artist Tom Holdman created the idea as a fusion of art, education and public space, together with Utah Valley University president Matthew Holland.

The vibrantly coloured glass paintings include depictions of notable figures such as Joan of Arc and world events such as the American Civil Rights Movement.

Altogether, Roots of Knowledge incorporates 60,000 pieces of glass, as well as actual rock, fossils, coins, meteorite, petrified wood and coral.

Mr Holdman said: "When I was 21 years old and determined to forge a career in stained glass, I visited Europe with only enough money for a rental car. That experience allowed me to tour the continent and witness first hand the greatest glass creations in the world. To return now to exhibit our work is beyond description and we couldn't be more enthusiastic about the opportunity."

Branches to escape cuts by builders' merchant

TRAVIS Perkins, the UK's biggest builders' merchant, looks set to close up to 30 branches due to "uncertainty" over profits for the next financial year

But a spokesman for Travis Perkins told The Guardian that "Oxfordshire is not impacted" by the cutbacks.

Despite like-for-like sales growth coming in at two per cent for Q3, the company's chief executive, John Carter expressed worry over the economic climate.

He said that "it is still too early to predict customer demand in 2017" and as a result "we will be closing over 30 branches and making further efficiency driven changes in the supply chain".

The company employs 28,000 people and has 2,060 stores, including Didcot, Bicester, Banbury, Chipping Norton, Faringdon and two in Oxford.

Despite the growth in sales revenue, the group's plumbing and heating sales declined by 3.9 per cent in the third quarter and by 4.1 per cent on a like-for-like basis. Mr Carter said: "Weak demand, changing customer buying behaviours and the impact of previous Government boiler replacement incentive schemes have impacted the market".

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Awards on menu at country pub

By Samantha McGregor

A THAME pub is celebrating after being recognised in The Observer Food Monthly Awards.

The Thatch, in Lower High Street, was named Runner-up in Best Sunday Lunch and Best Place to Drink in the south, in this year's awards.

It comes after the gastro-pub was named the Best Pub in Oxfordshire at The National Pub & Bar Awards 2106 earlier this year.

The team found out about the pub's latest win last Sunday as they were preparing to serve lunch.

General manager Evelin Rae said staff kicked off their day with a "well-deserved glass of bubbly" before opening the pub for Sunday service.

She said: "This Sunday was already shaping up to be a good one, with a full reservations book and the chefs in early as usual to get their prep done for Sunday lunch - joints roasting slowly in the oven and Yorkshires rising to perfection.

"Things suddenly went from good to better, when the Sunday papers landed on the doormat and I nervously leafed through The Observer Food Monthly Magazine.

•Staff at the Thatch celebrate winning runner-up in The Observer Food Monthly Awards

"Imagine my delight when I came to the news that we had been named runner-up in not one but two categories - ones close to our heart - Sunday lunch and as a rather good watering-hole.

"I was absolutely thrilled, and couldn't wait to share the news with the team.

"We all work very hard to make The Thatch the place it is - somewhere you can enjoy good food and drink with great friendly service to match - and it's down to the team that we have done so well.

"And also to our great guests and readers of the magazine who voted for us again, and we thank them all."

The winner in the Sunday lunch category was Blacklock, in Soho, while The Pointer, at Brill, near Bicester, was also runner-up.

They are voted for by readers and a judging panel.

Prizes are presented at an awards celebration in London co-hosted by Observer writer Jay Rayner and Great British Bake Off host Sue Perkins.

Hardwork rewarded as ribbon cut

AFTER spending months scouring the country for produce, one couple's dream has finally been realised with the opening of their shop.

Hannah Jones and Joe Bastin were rewarded for their hard work in fitting out The Deli at No.5, in Buttermarket when Thame mayor Cllr Linda Emery opened the store on Thursday last week.

Hannah, 27, and former occupational therapist Joe, 29, gave up their permanent jobs to start the delicatessen and lifestyle homeware enterprise which focuses on British products.

Hannah, who most recently worked in the film industry, said: "We had an extremely positive reaction from shoppers and we have had some wonderful comments from customers. The day

• Hannah Jones and Joe Bastin with Thame mayor Cllr Linda Emery

was a huge success, we couldn't have done it without the Lady Mayor, what a wonderful lady."

She said among the popular products was Godminster Vintage Smoked Cheddar. Hannah said: "It has made quite a stir, we have pretty much sold out in the last few days and we had loads of it."

Craft beers and gins have been very successful too, she said.

News Bites

Attempted robbery

THAME: A 48-year-old man was threatened with an iron bar and told to hand over money in an attempted robbery in Chinnor.

The incident happened at about 2.20am, on Saturday, October 15, when the victim was walking along Oakley Road. He escaped uninjured and nothing was taken.

The offender is described as white, around 5ft 8ins tall, wore a hooded parka coat with a star motif, and had a black scarf across his face. Call police on 101.

Ashdown support

N OXON: The former Liberal Democrat leader Paddy Ashdown came to Banbury's Horton Hospital to meet campaigners.

Mr Ashdown stayed for about 25 minutes talking to people affected by the cuts, as well as Keep the Horton General chairman Keith Strangwood.

Consultant-led maternity and the special care baby unit at the hospital were suspended from October 1 because of what the trust called recruitment issues.

Business support

N OXON: People looking to grow and develop their businesses can get free expert advice at Power Hour Business Clinics next month.

The one-on-one sessions, run by Cherwell District Council in partnership with advisors from the South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership's (SEMLEP) Velocity service, take place on Tuesday, November 29.

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Families visiting Christmas at Paultons will enjoy Santa's Grotto, as they join a reindeer on his journey to find Santa in time for Christmas Eve. Along the way, children will meet many of the reindeer's animal friends and be greeted by Father Christmas himself at the magical grotto.

After receiving a special present, children can visit the Park's state-of-the-art 4D Show Street Cinema for a screening of the Christmas adventure film, Sleigh Ride, where Blitzen the reindeer and elf Bobo help Santa and save Christmas.

Guests will be entertained with a new daily Christmas Show. Adults can enjoy a complimentary hot fruit punch and a seasonal treat whereas children of course receive a free Christmas present.. Visitors will also be able to enjoy selected rides and attractions, including Peppa Pig World.

For more details please visit www.paultonspark.co.uk.

Closing date: Friday, November 11

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Quick Clues Across

1 Piece of cultivated ground (6)
7 One who introduces performers (7)
8 Clothing (7)
9 Weaving frames (5)
10 For a period (9)
12 Weight (3)
13 On top of (4)
15 Of or like fire (7)
17 English nobleman (4)
19 Open fabric (3)
21 Those who are present (9)
22 Struck an attitude (5)
23 Tell (7)
24 Contend (7)
25 Type of pea (6)

Quick Clues Down

1 Joyous (8)
2 Meal (6)
3 Personal ornament (7)
4 Fragrance (5)
5 Make good (6)
6 Possessive pronoun (4)
7 Secret (11)
11 Make dirty (4)
13 To be accustomed (4)
14 Short film about current events (8)
16 Deprive of courage (7)
18 Take up again (6)
20 Occupier (6)
21 Increased (5)
22 Choose (4)

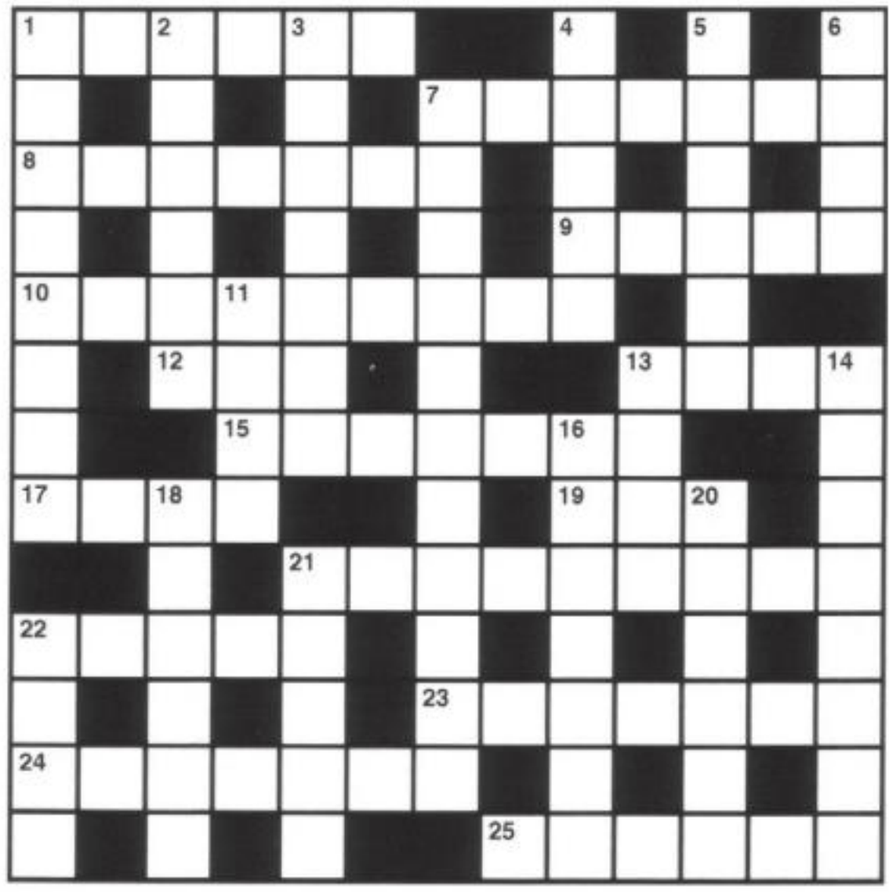
Scribble space

Cryptic Clues Across

1 Cyril's composing songs (6)
7 Turns, alas, to spoil the wine (7)
8 In time I've come back to turn aside (7)
9 Material found in any London store (5)
10 Shameless and without make-up (9)
12 Before a tune is heard (3)
13 Brought up by the baker? (4)
15 Progressive loan (7)
17 The last thing one does (4)
19 Consumed a sound number (3)
21 Lessens fashion charges (9)
22 The lot, musically (5)
23 Act like a snake and cut her (7)
24 Against the only comfort? (7)
25 Sound sense leads us to a population count (6)

Cryptic Clues Down

1 But not a suitable mate for the cock (8)
2 French dream concerning respect (6)
3 Teased in a corny way (7)
4 Mind about the right fashion (5)
5 But he is not necessarily a suitor (6)
6 Grass skirts are not made from this material (4)
7 Archie mends his wares (11)
11 Periods found in other Asian cultures (4)
13 Wager on a Greek letter (4)
14 Courses one abandons about the start of the season (8)
16 Take care about the bin - it's explosive (7)
18 Get in a muddle at table (6)
20 Draws the eagle's head, then the chest, a little roughly (6)
21 The younger son sounds destined for the pit (5)
22 Zig-zag stitch (4)



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This week's solutions

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Quick Crossword

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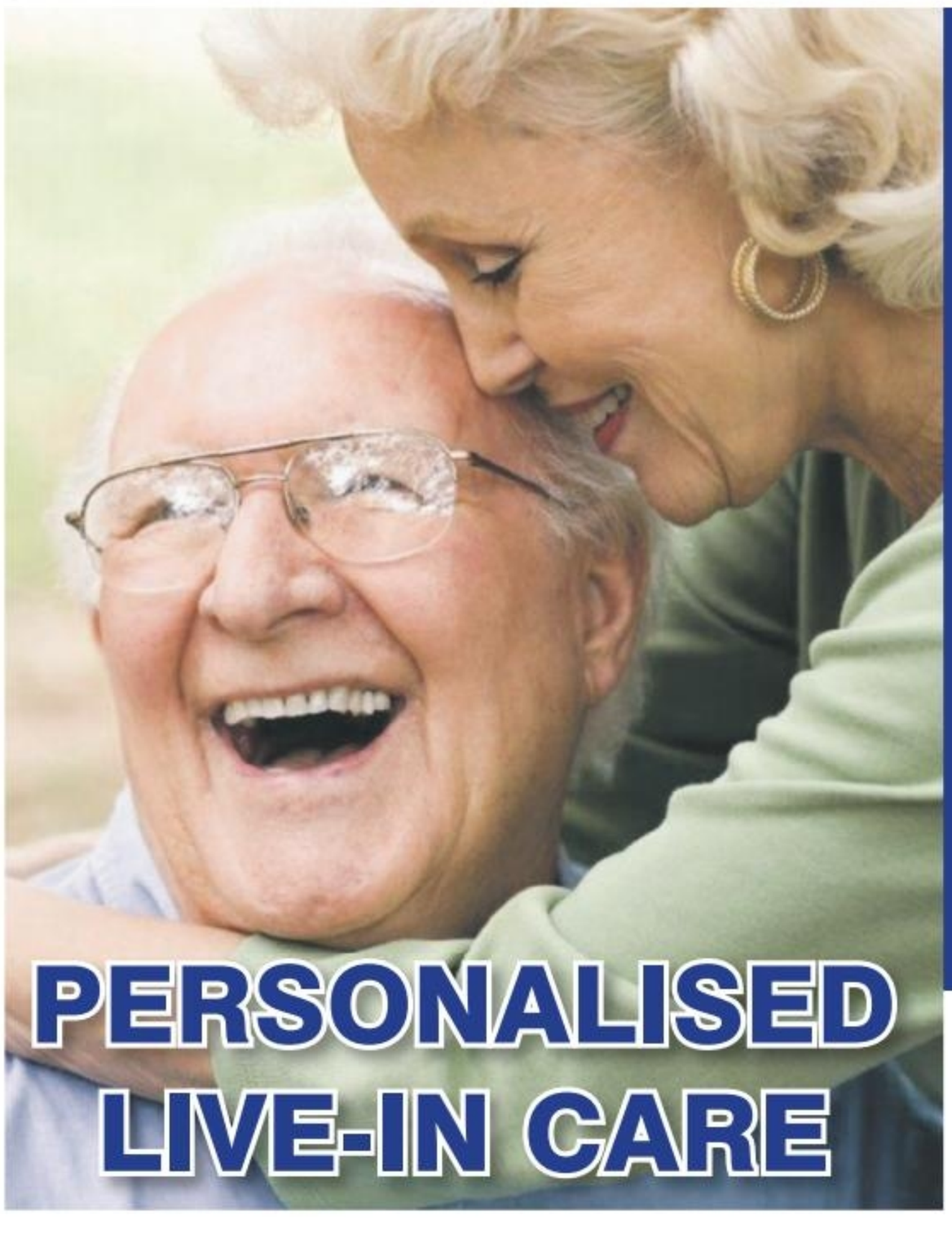
Down: 1 Gladsome 2 Repast 3 Earning 4 Smell 5 Recoup 6 Hers 7 Clandestine 11 Soil 13 Used 14 Newsreel 16 Unnerve 18 Resume 20 Tenant 21 Added 22 Pick

Cryptic Crossword

Across: 1 Lyrics 7 Marsala 8 Deviate 9 Nylon 10 Barefaced 12 Ere 13 Bred 15 Advance 17 Dies 19 Ate 21 Moderates 22 Tutti 23 Slither 24 Console 25 Census

Down: 1 Ladybird 2 Reveal 3 Chaffed 4 Trend 5 Tailor 6 Lawn 7 Merchandise 11 Eras 13 Beta 14 Desserts 16 Carbine 18 Eating 20 Etches 21 Minor 22 Tack



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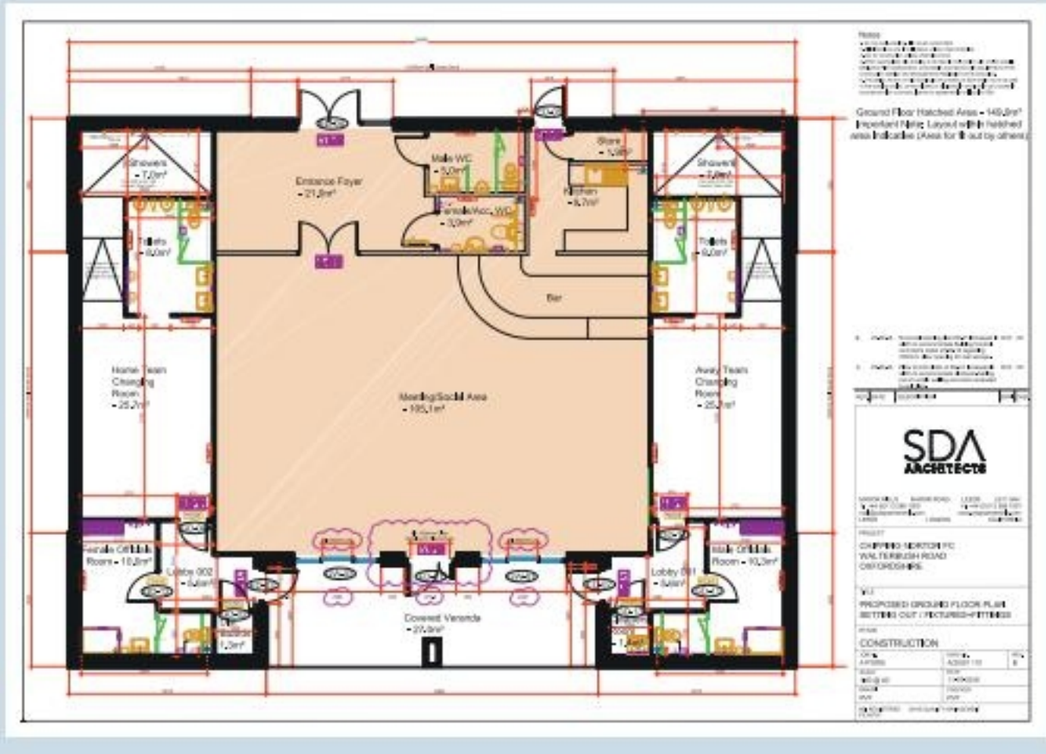

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Saturday October 29th

BBC1

Casualty, 9.10pm

6.00 Breakfast (S) **10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live** (S) **11.30 James Martin: Home Comforts** (S)(R) **12.00 Football Focus** (S) **1.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **1.15 Live International Rugby League** (S) **4.30 Final Score** (S) **5.10 Celebrity Mastermind** (S)(R) **5.40 BBC News** (S) **5.50 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S) **6.00 Pointless Celebrities** (S) **6.45 Strictly Come Dancing** A Halloween-themed dancing spectacular. (S)

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8.20 The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins Nick Knowles hosts the game show in which strangers pair up to win money. (S)

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9.10 Casualty Dervla goes missing, leaving Dylan distraught. (S)

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10.00 BBC News; Weather (S)
10.20 Match of the Day Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches; (S) National Lottery Update (S)

11

11.45 Asian Provocateur: Mum's American Dream Romesh's enthusiastic younger brother Dinesh joins him in the Deep South. (S)

AFTER 12

12.15 FILM Halloween: Resurrection (2002) (15) Horror sequel, starring Brad Loree. (S) **1.40** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **1.45** BBC News (S)

BBC2

Flog It!, 4.35pm

6.35 FILM They Knew What They Wanted (1940) (PG) (S) **8.00 FILM Mr and Mrs Smith (1941) (U)** (S) **9.30 Coast** (S)(R) **10.00 Secret Britain** (S)(R) **11.00 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **12.00 Great British Menu** (S)(R) **2.00 FILM Vertigo (1958) (PG)** (S) **4.05 The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice** (S)(R) **4.35 Flog It!** (S) **5.30 FILM National Treasure (2004) (PG)** (S)

7.30 A Very British Murder with Lucy Worsley The historian looks at the interwar period. (S)

8.30 Dad's Army Mainwaring sets his sights on Frazer's savings. (S)(R)

9.00 Artsnight: 2016 – The Year of King Lear How Shakespeare's play resonates with contemporary audiences. (S)
9.30 Imagine: The Seven Killings of Marlon James (S)

10.30 FILM The Harder They Come (1973) (15) Jimmy Cliff stars in this poignant Jamaican drama. (S)

12.10 Andrew Marr's Great Scots: The Writers Who Shaped a Nation (S)(R) **1.10 FILM Witchfinder General (1968) (15)** Period horror, starring Vincent Price. (S) **1.35 FILM (GMT) The Curse of Frankenstein (1957) (12)** (S) **2.55** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

Tipping Point: Lucky Stars, 6pm

9.25 ITV News (S) **9.30 Murder, She Wrote** (S)(R) **11.20 Wild Australia with Ray Mears** (S)(R) **11.50 Judge Rinder** (S)(R) **12.50 ITV News** (S) **1.00 Cash Trapped** (S)(R) **2.00 Puppy Secrets: The First Six Months** (S)(R) **3.00 Big Star's Little Star** (S)(R) **4.00 Thunderbirds Are Go** (S) **4.30 Ninja Warrior UK** (S)(R) **5.30 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **5.45 ITV News** (S) **6.00 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars** (S)

7.00 Meet the Parents Dating show, hosted by Holly Willoughby, which puts the love lives of singletons in the hands of the people they know best. (S)

8.00 The X Factor The battle for a music career continues as the budding pop stars take to the stage again. The results are tomorrow at 8pm. (S)

9.50 The Jonathan Ross Show The host is joined by singer-songwriter Shawn Mendes, Nicole Scherzinger, chef Gino D'Acampo and comedian Stephen Merchant. (S)

10.55 ITV News; Weather (S)

11.15 FILM Carry On Cowboy (1966) (U) Comedy Western, starring Jim Dale and Sid James. (S)

1.00 Jackpot247 3.00 (GMT) Murder, She Wrote (S)(R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4

How to Build a Human, 9pm

6.40 Manchester Half Marathon (S) **7.05 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **8.00 Frasier** (S)(R) **9.00 The Morning Line** (S) **10.00 The Big Bang Theory** (S) **10.50 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **12.10 Sarah Beeny's Four Rooms** (S) **1.10 Channel 4 Racing** (S) **3.55 Formula 1 Mexican Grand Prix Practice 3 Live** (S) **5.30 Channel 4 News** (S) **6.00 Formula 1: Mexican Grand Prix Qualifying Live** (S)

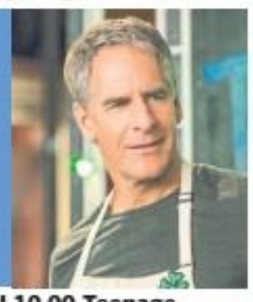
9.00 How to Build a Human Documentary exploring the latest developments in artificial intelligence. (S)

10.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown Jimmy Carr hosts the comedy panel show's version of the words and numbers quiz. (S)

11.00 Michael Moore in Trumpland Documentary filmed over two nights earlier this month in Wilmington, Ohio. (S)

12.05 FILM The American (2010) (15) (S) **1.55** Hollyoaks (S)(R) **3.00** (GMT) Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free (S)(R) **3.20** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent (S)(R) **4.15** Location, Location, Location (S)(R) **5.10** Deal or No Deal (S)(R)

Channel 5


NCIS: New Orleans, 8pm

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S) **10.35 FILM Mosquito Squadron (1969) (PG)** (S) **12.20 Police Interceptors** (S)(R) **2.15 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away: Busted** (S)(R) **3.15 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away** (S)(R) **4.15 Can't Pay Special: Secrets and Lies** (S)(R) **5.15 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away** (S)(R) **6.15 NCIS** The team investigates the death of a marine. (S)(R)

7.05 NCIS An old case is reopened. (S)(R)

8.00 NCIS: New Orleans The team prepare for the St Patrick's Day festivities. (S)
8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

9.00 Football on 5: The Championship George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce highlights from the weekend's games. (S)

10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush Goals from the weekend's games in the Leagues One and Two. (S)
10.25 FILM Step Brothers (2008) (15) Comedy, starring Will Ferrell and John C Reilly. (S)

12.15 SuperCasino 3.10 (GMT) Now That's Funny! (S)(R) **4.00** Flood Chaos: Winter Road Rescue (S)(R) **4.50** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.15** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.40** Angels of Jarm (S)(R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Emmerdale **8.30** Coronation Street **11.05** Catchphrase **11.45** You've Been Framed! Gold **12.45** FILM: Dragonheart (1996) (PG) **1.45** FYI Daily **1.50** FILM: Dragonheart (1996) (PG) **2.50** FILM: Looney Tunes: Back in Action (2003) (PG) Live action and animated comedy, starring Brendan Fraser. **3.50** FYI Daily **3.55** FILM: Looney Tunes: Back in Action (2003) (PG) Concluded. **4.40** FILM: Corpse Bride (2005) (PG) Stop-motion animated fantasy, with the voice of Johnny Depp. **5.40** FYI Daily **5.45** FILM: Corpse Bride (2005) (PG) Concluded. **6.20** FILM: Twilight (2008) (12) Romantic fantasy, starring Kristen Stewart. **7.20** FYI Daily **7.25** FILM: Twilight (2008) (12) Concluded. **8.55** Scorpion **9.50** The Xtra Factor **10.20** Celebrity Juice: Halloween Special **11.10** Family Guy **12.35** American Dad! **1.00** Release the Hounds **1.00** FILM: (GMT) Wild Child (2008) (12) **2.00** FYI Daily **2.05** FILM: Wild Child (2008) (12) **2.50** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Doctor at Large **6.50** Judge Judy **7.15** Where the Heart Is **9.25** Wycliffe **10.35** FILM: Carry On Henry (1971) (PG) **11.35** FYI Daily **11.40** FILM: Carry On Henry (1971) (PG) **12.25** FILM: Columbo: The Greenhouse Jungle (1972) (PG) **1.55** Rosemary & Thyme **4.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **6.00** Midsomer Murders **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Lewis **11.00** Colditz **1.05** Agatha Christie's Marple **1.55** (GMT) ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Sailors, Ships and Stevedores: The Story of British Docks **8.00** The Incredible Human Journey **9.00** The Code **11.00** The Kate Bush Story: Running Up That Hill **12.00** Kate Bush at the BBC **1.00** Top of the Pops: 1982 **1.15** (GMT) The Kate Bush Story: Running Up That Hill **2.15** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Animals Unleashed **6.25** Baby Daddy **7.10** Melissa & Joey **8.00** Made in Chelsea **9.05** How I Met Your Mother **10.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **11.00** Black-ish **1.30** The Goldbergs **2.30** FILM: Stuart Little 2 (2002) (U) Family adventure sequel, with the voice of Michael J Fox. **4.05** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **4.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: Chronicle (2012) (12) Sci-fi thriller, starring Dane DeHaan. **10.40** Gogglebox **11.50** Rude Tube **1.55** The Inbetweeners **1.25** (GMT) Gogglebox **2.20** Rude Tube **4.05** How I Met Your Mother **4.45** The Mindy Project **5.10** Revenge

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Tony Robinson: Down Under **9.55** Britain's Ancient Tracks with Tony Robinson **11.00** My Floating Home **12.00** Come Dine with Me **2.40** Four in a Bed **5.20** Come Dine with Me **8.00** The World's Weirdest Weather **9.00** Tony Robinson: Down Under. The first rumblings of discontent in the new settlement. **10.00** Little British Isles with Alison Steadman **11.05** 24 Hours in A&E **12.10** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **1.15** Love Child **1.20** (GMT) Tony Robinson: Down Under **2.25** 8 Out of 10 Cats **3.10** Food Unwrapped **3.35** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 A Monster in Paris (2011) (U) **1.00** City of Ember (2008) (PG) **2.50** Casper (1995) (PG) Supernatural family comedy, starring Christina Ricci. **4.55** Step Up 4: Miami Heat (2012) (12) Dance drama sequel, starring Kathryn McCormick. **6.50** Mission: Impossible (1996) (PG) Action thriller, starring Tom Cruise. **9.00** Solomon Kane (2010) (15) Period fantasy thriller, starring James Purefoy. **11.05** Excision (2012) (18) Premiere. Comedy horror, starring AnnaLynne McCord. **12.40** Eyes Without a Face (1960) (15) **1.25** (GMT) Rec 3: Genesis (2012) (18) **3.00** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.00 Carpool **7.10** Sin City Motors **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** American Pickers **12.00** Top Gear **1.00** Red Dwarf **5.00** Top Gear **7.00** Room 101 **8.20** Would I Lie to You? **9.00** QI XL **10.00** Red Dwarf **10.40** Zapped **11.20** Russell Howard's Good News **12.00** Room 101 **1.20** Would I Lie to You? **1.00** (GMT) Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You **1.50** Red Dwarf **2.50** QI XL **3.35** Carpool **4.00** Close

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 Pie in the Sky **11.00** Sharpe **1.00** The Last Detective **4.00** Pie in the Sky **7.00** Father Brown **8.00** Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** Rebus **10.30** Waking the Dead **12.55** The Last Detective **1.25** (GMT) The Last Detective **2.55** Pie in the Sky **4.00** Close

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Monkey Life **7.00** Ashley Banjo's Secret Street Crew **8.00** Game Changers **8.30** Futurama **9.00** The Fantasy Football Club **10.00** Soccer AM **11.30** The F1 Show **12.00** Futurama **3.30** Modern Family **4.00** Harry Hill's Tea-Time **4.30** Yonderland **5.00** Supergirl **6.00** The Flash **7.00** The Simpsons **8.00** Landscape Artist of the Year 2016 **9.00** Stan Lee's Lucky Man **10.00** FILM: Assault on Precinct 13 (2005) (15) Action thriller, starring Ethan Hawke. **12.05** Arrow **1.05** Mount Pleasant **1.05** (GMT) A League of Their Own **2.05** Nothing to Declare **3.05** UK Border Force **4.05** Border Security: Canada's Front Line **5.00** Road Wars

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 Fish Town **7.00** The British **8.00** Without a Trace **11.00** David Attenborough's Kingdom of Plants **12.00** Cold Case **4.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** Game of Thrones **11.25** Last Week Tonight with John Oliver **12.00** The Sopranos **1.20** (GMT) Entourage **1.55** Entourage **3.00** Fish Town **4.00** The British

W SKY: 109

6.00 DIY SOS: The Big Build **7.50** DIY SOS **8.20** The Bill **1.30** EastEnders **4.00** Extreme Makeover: Home Edition **5.00** DIY SOS: The Big Build **6.00** Celebrity Haunted Hotel Live **7.00** My Family **9.00** Celebrity Haunted Hotel Live **12.00** FILM: Scream 2 (1997) (18) **1.10** (GMT) Grimm **2.00** Me, You and Doctor Who: A Culture Show Special **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.00 Bewitched **7.30** Blandings **8.50** Lovejoy **12.20** FILM: Another Shore (1948) (U) **1.50** Only Fools and Horses **3.50** The Incredible Adventures of Professor Branestawm **5.05** Only Fools and Horses **10.20** Bottom **11.00** Inside No 9 **12.20** Psychoville Halloween Special **1.40** Psychoville 2 **1.20** (GMT) Psychoville 2 **2.00** Psychoville 2 **2.40** Early Doors **4.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 1 SKY: 401

6.00 Football Gold **7.00** Premier League Preview **7.30** Premier League Legends **8.00** Game Changers **8.30** Premier League Preview **9.00** The Fantasy Football Club **10.00** Soccer AM **11.30** Live Premier League. Sunderland v Arsenal (kick-off 12.30pm). **3.00** Gillette Soccer Saturday **5.15** Live EFL. Blackburn Rovers v Wolverhampton Wanderers (kick-off 5.30pm). **8.00** EFL Goals **8.30** Nissan Game of the Day **10.30** Nissan Match Choice **11.30** Premier League Highlights **1.00** (GMT) Premier League Highlights **1.30** Premier League Highlights **4.30** EFL Goals **5.00** Premier League Highlights

Sunday October 30th

DAYTIME

BBC1

Countryfile, 6.15pm

1.00 (GMT) BBC News; Weather (S) **1.15 A Tale of Five Temples: The Story of Hinduism in Britain** (S) **1.45 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **2.15 Escape to the Country** (S)(R) **2.55 Points of View** (S) **3.10 The Great British Bake Off: The Final** (S)(R) **4.10 The Great British Bake Off: Class of 2015** (S)(R) **5.10 Songs of Praise** (S) **5.50 BBC News** (S) **6.05 BBC Regional News** (S) **6.15 Countryfile** (S)

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7.15 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results Another couple perform their last dance, and Laura Mvula sings. (S)

8

8.00 Antiques Roadshow Fiona Bruce presents an episode from on board the Flying Scotsman during its journey across Cumbria and Yorkshire. (S)

9

9.00 Poldark Demelza refuses to speak to Ross, assuming that he will abandon her and return to Elizabeth. At Sir Hugh Bodregun's ball, she turns to Captain McNeil for support. (S)

10

10.00 BBC News (S)
10.20 BBC Regional News; Weather (S)
10.30 Match of the Day 2 Mark Chapman presents the day's Premier League highlights. (S)

11

11.30 The Women's Football Show A round-up of the final weekend in the FA WSL season. (S)

AFTER **12**

12.00 NFL Highlights (S) **1.00** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **1.05** BBC News (S)

BBC2

Flog It!, 3.45pm

8.45 (GMT) Countryfile (S)(R) **9.45 The Beechgrove Garden** (S) **10.15 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites** (S) **11.45 Food & Drink** (S)(R) **12.15 MOTD2 Extra** (S) **1.00 Great British Menu** (S)(R) **2.00 Killer Whales: Beneath the Surface – Natural World** (S)(R) **3.00 Heir Hunters** (S)(R) **3.45 Flog It!** (S) **4.40 FILM Frankenweenie (2012) (PG)** (S) **6.00 Britain's Classroom Heroes 2016** (S)

7.00 Inside Obama's White House Examining how Barack Obama set out to end George Bush's wars in the Middle East. (S)(R)

8.00 Coast: The Great Guide Neil Oliver and Tessa Dunlop present a guide to England's South Coast. (S)

9.00 Operation Gold Rush with Dan Snow New series. The historian recreates the Klondike Gold Rush, with explorer Felicity Aston and medic Dr Kevin Fong. (S)

10.00 Nigel Farage Gets His Life Back Satirical comedy. (S)
10.35 Mock the Week With James Acaster, Rob Beckett, Gary Delaney, Elis James and Sara Pascoe. (S)(R)

11.10 QI XL (S)
11.55 FILM Let Me In (2010) (15) Horror remake, starring Chloe Grace Moretz and Kodi Smit-McPhee. (S)

1.40 Sign Zone: Countryfile (S)(R) **2.35** Holby City (S)(R) **3.35** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

Tutankhamun, 9pm

6.00 (GMT) CITV **7.25 Scrambled!9.25 ITV News** (S) **9.30 Bear Grylls Survival School** (S) **10.00 Peston on Sunday** (S) **10.55 Gino's Italian Escape: Hidden Italy** (S)(R) **11.25 Chopping Block** (S)(R) **12.30 ITV News;** Weather (S) **12.40 The X Factor** (S)(R) **2.30 Midsomer Murders** (S)(R) **4.30 Spotless** (S)(R) **5.30 Tipping Point** (S)(R) **6.30 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **6.45 ITV News** (S)

7.00 The Chase Celebrity Special Matt Allwright, Stacey Solomon, Louise Minchin and Keith Allen work as a team to take on quiz genius the Chaser. (S)

8.00 The X Factor Dermot O'Leary presents last night's results, before the two lowest-scoring contestants compete in a sing-off. (S)

9.00 Tutankhamun The Pharaoh's tomb is finally discovered in 1922. (S)

10.00 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.15 Peston on Sunday Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston. (S)(R)

11.15 Premiership Rugby Union Mark Durden-Smith and David Flatman present highlights of the latest fixtures. (S)

12.15 Jackpot247 3.00 Motorsport UK (S) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

Channel 4

Formula 1: Mexican Grand Prix Live, 6pm

6.15 (GMT) Motor Sport: Caterham (S) **6.45 Mobil 1 The Grid** (S) **7.10 Frasier** (S)(R) **8.30 The Big Bang Theory** (S)(R) **9.30 Sunday Brunch** (S) **12.30 Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast** (S)(R) **1.30 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **2.00 FILM ParaNorman (2012) (PG)** (S) **3.50 FILM Addams Family Values (1993) (PG)** (S) **5.40 Channel 4 News** (S) **6.00 Formula 1: Mexican Grand Prix Live** (S)

9.00 Humans New series. Return of the sci-fi drama, in which living machines Leo, Max and Mia find their secret threatened by a very special synth. (S)

10.05 Gogglebox Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (S)(R)

11.10 FILM Rush (2013) (15) Fact-based drama, with Chris Hemsworth and Daniel Bruhl. (S)

1.25 Undercover Boss USA (S)(R) **2.15** Grand Designs Australia (S)(R) **3.15** Superfoods: The Real Story (S)(R) **3.40** Food Unwrapped (S)(R) **4.05** Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites (S)(R) **4.15** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent (S)(R) **5.10** Deal or No Deal (S)(R)

Channel 5

The Peter Kay Story, 9pm

6.00 (GMT) Milkshake! **10.00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles** (S) **10.35 Football on 5: The Championship** (S)(R) **11.20 Football on 5: Goal Rush** (S)(R) **11.45 World Rally Championship: Live** (S) **1.10 The Gadget Show** (S)(R) **2.10 Funniest Fails, Falls & Flops** (S) **2.40 FILM High Spirits (1988) (15)** (S) **4.30 FILM The Ghost of Greville Lodge (2000) (PG)** (S) **6.10 FILM One Chance (2013) (12)** (S)

8.00 Ice Road Truckers The consequences are huge when Darrell's truck breaks down. (S)
8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

9.00 The Peter Kay Story Tracing the career of one of Britain's best-loved and most successful comedians, charting his journey from humble beginnings to superstardom. (S)

10.30 Peter Kay Live at the Comedy Store A stand-up performance by the comedian. (S)(R)

11.05 Peter Kay: The Early Years (S)
11.35 FILM My Super Ex-Girlfriend (2006) (12) Fantasy comedy, starring Uma Thurman and Luke Wilson. (S)

1.15 SuperCasino 3.10 Raw Recruits: Do or Die (S)(R) **4.00** Criminals Caught On Camera (S)(R) **4.50** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.15** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.40** Angels of Jarm (S)(R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 (GMT) You've Been Framed! Gold **6.25** Emmerdale **9.00** The X Factor **10.50** Coronation Street **1.15** Catchphrase **2.00** You've Been Framed! Gold Top 100 Shockers **3.00** FILM: Corpse Bride (2005) (PG) Stop-motion animated fantasy, with the voice of Johnny Depp. **4.05** FYI Daily **4.10** FILM: Corpse Bride (2005) (PG) **4.40** FILM: The Smurfs: The Legend of Smurfy Hollow. **5.05** FILM: Hotel Transylvania (2012) (U) **6.05** FYI Daily **6.10** FILM: Hotel Transylvania (2012) (U) **6.55** FILM: Red Riding Hood (2011) (12) **7.55** FYI Daily **8.00** FILM: Red Riding Hood (2011) (12) Concluded. **9.00** The Xtra Factor Live **10.00** Family Guy **12.00** American Dad! **1.30** The Cleveland Show **2.20** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 (GMT) Doctor at Large **6.25** Inspector Morse **8.30** Heartbeat **10.35** Agatha Christie's Marple **12.30** Lewis **2.30** FILM: Columbo: The Most Crucial Game (1972) (PG) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk and Robert Culp. **4.10** FILM: Carry On Matron (1972) (PG) **5.10** FYI Daily **5.15** FILM: Carry On Matron (1972) (PG) **6.00** Rosemary & Thyme **7.00** Lewis **9.00** When Ant and Dec Met the Prince: 40 Years of the Prince's Trust **10.35** Charles: The Destiny of a Prince **11.35** FILM: The English Patient (1996) (15) Oscar-winning romantic drama, with Ralph Fiennes and Kristin Scott Thomas. **12.40** FYI Daily **12.45** FILM: The English Patient (1996) (15) Concluded. **2.35** Wycliffe **3.30** May the Best House Win **5.15** On the Buses **5.40** ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 (GMT) Canals - The Making of a Nation **7.30** Books that Made Britain **8.00** Frankenstein from The Royal Ballet **10.15** Annabel's Nightclub: A String of Naked Lightbulbs **11.15** BBC: The Secret Files **12.15** Fatal Experiments: The Downfall of a Supersurgeon **3.15** Books that Made Britain **3.45** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 (GMT) Animals Unleashed **6.20** Animals Unleashed **6.45** Baby Daddy **7.35** Melissa & Joey **8.30** The Goldbergs **9.30** Hollyoaks **12.00** Made in Chelsea **1.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **2.00** FILM: Dunston Checks In (1996) (PG) Family comedy, starring Jason Alexander. **3.45** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **4.00** The Big Bang Theory **6.30** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **6.40** FILM: Percy Jackson & the Lightning Thief (2010) (PG) Fantasy adventure, starring Logan Lerman. **9.00** Tattoo Fixers **10.00** Crazyhead **11.10** FILM: GI Joe: The Rise of Cobra (2009) (12) Action adventure, starring Channing Tatum. **1.30** The Inbetweeners **2.30** Body Fixers **3.25** Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 (GMT) Sarah Beeny's Four Rooms **9.55** Homes by the Sea **11.00** Come Dine with Me: Horror Special **12.00** Come Dine with Me **2.40** Four in a Bed **5.20** Come Dine with Me **8.00** Hitler: The Rise and Fall **9.00** Father Ted **10.00** 24 Hours in A&E **12.10** Hitler: The Rise and Fall **1.15** Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast **2.20** Love Child **3.20** 8 Out of 10 Cats **4.00** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 (GMT) Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules (2011) (U) **1.00** Rat Race (2001) (12) **3.15** Master of the World (1961) (PG) Sci-fi adventure, starring Vincent Price. **5.15** Titanic (1997) (12) Romantic drama, starring Kate Winslet and Leonardo DiCaprio. **9.00** GI Joe: Retaliation (2013) (12) Action adventure sequel, starring Dwayne Johnson. **11.10** 100 Bloody Acres (2012) (15) Premiere. Comedy horror, starring Angus Sampson. **1.00** FilmFear: Night Cap **1.05** FilmFear: Squeal **1.10** Kill List (2011) (18) **3.20** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.05 (GMT) Storage Hunters **7.30** Top Gear **8.30** Top Gear Vietnam Special **10.00** Top Gear **11.00** Jay Leno's Garage **12.00** Celebrity Storage Hunters **1.00** Storage Hunters **2.30** American Pickers **5.30** Top Gear Vietnam Special **7.00** Jay Leno's Garage **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **10.00** Taskmaster **11.00** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **12.00** Crackanory **12.40** 8 Out of 10 Cats **2.10** QI **2.40** 8 Out of 10 Cats **3.05** Problems **4.00** Close

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.00 (GMT) Birds of a Feather **7.30** Pie in the Sky **8.30** The Bill **12.30** Bleak House **3.00** Catherine Cookson's The Secret **6.00** The Two Ronnies **7.00** Murdoch Mysteries **8.00** The Doctor Blake Mysteries **9.00** Silent Witness **11.10** Rock & Chips **12.30** Sweeney Todd **2.30** The Paradise **3.35** Garden Hopping **4.00** Close

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 (GMT) Hour of Power **7.00** Futurama **9.00** Supergirl **10.00** The Flash **11.00** WWE: Raw **12.00** Drone Racing League **1.00** Modern Family **3.30** Pixar's Greatest Moments **5.00** The Simpsons **6.00** Harry Hill's Tea-Time **6.30** Yonderland **7.00** The Simpsons **10.00** The Force: Essex **11.00** Ross Kemp's Britain **12.00** The Force: Manchester **1.00** Road Wars **2.00** Nothing to Declare **4.00** Border Security: Canada's Front Line

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 (GMT) Storm City **7.00** Networks of Power with Sir Christopher Meyer **8.00** The West Wing **1.00** David Attenborough's Kingdom of Plants **2.00** Without a Trace **5.00** Cold Case **9.00** Westworld **10.10** Divorce **10.45** The Young Pope **12.45** The Sopranos **1.50** Entourage **4.10** Storm City **5.00** Networks of Power with Sir Christopher Meyer

W SKY: 109

6.00 (GMT) Dynamo: Top Ten Greatest Moments **6.10** DIY SOS: The Big Build **8.00** DIY SOS **8.30** EastEnders **11.00** Judge Faith **1.00** My Dream Home **4.00** Doctor Who **6.00** Celebrity Haunted Hotel Live **7.00** Dynamo: Magician Impossible **8.00** Dynamo: A-Z **9.00** Celebrity Haunted Hotel Live **11.00** FILM: Scream 3 (2000) (18) Horror sequel, starring Neve Campbell. **1.15** Grimm **2.50** Dynamo: Top Ten Greatest Moments **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.00 (GMT) Bewitched **7.30** Blandings **8.10** As Time Goes By **8.50** Lovejoy **11.10** The Incredible Adventures of Professor Branestawm **12.25** Only Fools and Horses **9.35** Marley's Ghosts **10.20** Bottom **11.00** FILM: Dracula: Dead and Loving It (1995) (PG) Horror spoof, starring Leslie Nielsen. **12.45** Psychoville 2 **2.45** Garth Marenghi's Darkplace **4.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 1 SKY: 401

6.00 (GMT) Premier League Highlights **6.30** Premier League Highlights **9.00** The Sunday Supplement **10.30** Goals on Sunday **12.30** Live Nissan Super Sunday. **3.30** Live Nissan Super Sunday. Southampton v Chelsea (kick-off 4.00pm). **6.30** Live Formula 1. The Mexico Grand Prix (Start-time 7.00pm). **9.30** Great Sporting Moments **10.00** Premier League Highlights **11.00** Chinese Super League **1.00** Goals on Sunday **2.00** Premier League Highlights **3.00** Goals on Sunday **4.00** Great Sporting Moments **4.30** Football's Greatest International Teams **5.00** Premier League 100 Club **5.30** Spanish Football Gold

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ENTERTAINMENT & LISTINGS

A haunting show

By James Richings

JUST over 26 years ago, a film starring the late Patrick Swayze, Demi Moore and Whoopi Goldberg became one of the biggest films of all time.

Written by Bruce Joel Rubin, 'Ghost' tells the story of Sam Wheat (Swayze), a banker, and Molly Jensen (Moore), a potter, who have just moved into a new apartment in New York City.

Then one night whilst walking home together, Sam is mugged by a thug who demands his wallet.

The two have an altercation in which Sam is shot and the thug gets away.

After pursuing the criminal, he then runs back to Molly who is visibly distraught as she weeps over his dead body – leading Sam to discover that he is dead and now a ghost.

What follows next is a story about love, trust, mourning and betrayal in one of cinema's finest movies.

And the stage adaptation of the flick will arrive at the New Theatre from Monday, October 31 to Saturday, November 5.

Former Girls Aloud singer Sarah Harding, who will portray Molly at the George Street venue said: "I took it on because I really connected with the story.

"I think everyone can relate on some scale to losing somebody they've loved. It really isn't hard for me to turn on the waterworks.

"It's a bit of everything – excitement, nervousness, fear, elation, everything really.

"I didn't know if I had it in me to do a musical because when you're doing film or TV you can always do retakes, but you can't do that with a musical.

"But the one thing you do get is lots of rehearsal time, just like you would have if you were doing a concert tour.

"It's like a Girls Aloud tour, except instead of dancing I'm learning lines, I'm learning new songs but I don't have to learn 20 new dance routines, it's 20 pages – well, triple that – of dialogue.

"There's a bit more to think about, with the staging and the drama and the emotion, and it's a very heart-felt and touching story."

The film made on a $22 million budget managed to make $505 million worldwide with, 'Ghost', also being voted for numerous awards.

It was nominated for five Academy Awards (Oscars) winning two of them, whilst also being nominated for two BAFTAs and four Golden Globes, with Whoopi Goldberg winning the 'Best Supporting Actress Award' at both ceremonies.

Ex-Hollyoaks actor Andy Moss, who will play Sam during the run said: "I'm a massive fan of the movie and I've been dying to get back on stage for a while now.

"I love TV but there's nothing so gratifying as doing a live show.

"Obviously you can see reactions on Twitter, but to go out there and perform in front of a live audience for immediate feedback is the most exciting part of the job. As performers it's what we've trained to do."

Tickets for this new adaptation of Ghost cost from £14.90 to £51.40.

• Sarah Harding stars as Molly in the stage version of the iconic movie Ghost

Take two comedians

NOT one, but two comedians will be arriving at The Mill Arts Centre in Banbury this weekend, Saturday, October 28 at 8pm.

Funny people Tom Allen and Suzi Ruffell arrive at the Spiceball Park venue as part of the 'Hit the Road', UK tour, which will see both comics, perform their separate shows.

Suzi, who has supported the likes of Alan Carr and Josh Widdicombe comes with her, 'Common' tour, discussing her family history and her working class roots.

Tom arrives with his show, 'Hit the Road', where he will reveal interesting anecdotes from his life.

The comedian has appeared on comedy shows such as '8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown', 'Just a Minute' and 'The John Bishop Show.

So who's on stage first? Suzi said: "We're thinking of getting an audience member to flip a coin to decide who goes on first."

Tom added: "I enjoy going to different places even if I am quite disdainful about them on stage.

"Different towns have different quirks and have something really interesting about them.

"And I spend a lot of time on trains which luckily I enjoy, travelling around in pastel colours just like Michael Portillo."

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ENTERTAINMENT & LISTINGS

Proud to be part of a trio

By James Richings

AWARD-WINNING musician Neil Cowley will be returning to the Church of St John the Evangelist in Oxford on Friday, November 4.

Arriving at the Iffley Road venue as part of his Neil Cowley Trio, this will be the threesome's first visit to the Church in two years. And Neil told the Guardian he is glad to be heading back.

"It really stuck in the memory, with its long walkways that feel steeped in history," he said. "You really sense you are walking in the footsteps of the pious. We're putting on a very poignant, meditative show so the SJE is the perfect backdrop for that and plus, they asked us back!"

Made-up of Neil on piano, Evan Jenkins on drums and bassist Rex Horan, Neil formed the group a decade ago, since then they have toured all over the country and have released six studio albums, which includes the group's latest, 'Spacebound Apes', which came out in September.

And with the gig taking place one day before Neil's 44th birthday, the musician hopes the show will be a great way to celebrate.

The gig at the Church of St John the Evangelist is also the band's final show of their UK tour, before taking a month off and flying out to Turkey to do a gig in Istanbul.

"We are presenting the story of Lincoln which was the concept behind the new album," Neil said.

Lincoln is a fictitious character (a monkey) who goes on a bizarre journey told via a Tumblr page (http://lincolnsdiary.tumblr.com/) and songs on the band's album.

"Not only will we be playing the album in its entirety, which will come complete with washes of electronic sound and effects, but we will also have the beautiful illustrations and animations from the Spacebound Apes book projected on screen.

"So this will be a multi-faceted experience that will transport the audience into Lincoln's world."

Neil, who has also played the piano on albums for the likes Adele, The Stereophonics, Professor Green and Emeli Sandé, added: "It's a nice side line to watch something (like Adele for instance) be SO successful.

"I really feel that in that particular case, the piano was intrinsic to her sound and so it's good to be 'that guy!' but I never had an interest in going along for the ride with these artists.

"I just wanted to play on the records and then go back to 'Neil Cowley Trio'.

• The Neil Cowley Trio (from left) Evan Jenkins, Neil Cowley and Rex Horan (Photo by Tom Barnes)

"But I'm proud of being on something so popular. It saves a lot of time at dinner parties too. When people ask you what you do and you say 'I'm a musician/composer' their eyes glaze over somewhat, not knowing where to take the conversation.

"Their assumption can be that you're some kind of dropout but it's quick and easy to say 'I played on the Adele records, now pass the salad'.

Tickets cost £18.70 and the gig starts at 7pm.

Tips for middle age

COMEDY: Funny woman Jenny Éclair will be at The Mill Arts Centre in Banbury on Sunday, November 6.

The 56-year-old, who is best known for starring in the BBC 2 comedy show, 'Grumpy Old Women' from 2004 to 2007.

She arrives at the Spiceball Park venue for her, 'How to be a Middle Aged Woman (Without Going Insane)' UK tour. The show starts at 8pm and tickets cost £19.

A play for the mind

THEATRE: A production that looks at a detective who launches an investigation into a server dedicated to a disturbing brand of entertainment, will be at the Oxford Playhouse from Wednesday, November 2 to Saturday, November 5. 'The Nether', will be performed by the University of Oxford's Student Company, Knotworks, and was nominated for Best New Play at the 2015 Olivier Awards.

Tickets cost from £11.50 to £19.

Halloween party

LIVE MUSIC: The O2 Academy Oxford will host a Garage Nation Halloween Party on Saturday, October 29 from 10pm to 3am. DJs will performing house and garage classics. Tickets cost £11.35.

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Rent a stunning barn home

A stunning detached barn conversion offering a wealth of living space in the popular village of Harwell is available for rent.

It is on the books of estate agent Davis Tate at £3,400 per calendar month.

Comprising three sections, the property has four double bedrooms, each with a separate en-suite, a large reception room with a vaulted ceiling, exposed wooden beams and a wood burner, a large open-plan kitchen/breakfast room, a utility room and a sitting/dining room with twin patio doors leading to the rear garden. There is a double

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Drayton OIEO £350,000

OPEN HOUSE 29th OCTOBER Fantastic four bedroom semi-detached family home situated in the heart of Drayton village. This family home is ideally situated on a no through road with lovely views to the rear of the property, easy access to Abingdon, Didcot, Milton Park, local primary school and amenities.

Abingdon OIEO £230,000

This fantastic top floor apartment offers hallway, lounge / diner, fitted kitchen, bathroom, double bedroom with separate bathroom.

Abingdon OIEO £400,000

OPEN DAY - 29TH OCTOBER A superbly presented 4 bedroom detached family home located in North Abingdon on the popular Peachcroft developement, close to excellent schools with good access to nearby amenities. The accommodation includes front and rear gardens with driveway parking for several cars.

Sutton Courtenay £220,000

Located just a short walk away from the local shops in Sutton Courtenay is this two bedroom purpose built ground floor flat. The property benefits from lounge/dining area, two bedrooms and a family bathroom as well as an enclosed garden with a patio area.

Abingdon £160,000

First Time Buyers & Investors - Situated in a desirable North Abingdon location close to local shops, amenities and leisure facilities, this fantastic ground floor apartment finished to a good standard throughout. Benefits include a private courtyard garden and off-road parking.

Sutton Courtenay £200,000

Larger than average, this fantastic first floor apartment is ideal for investment or first time buyers with two bedrooms and additional loft room.

Abingdon £400,000

Beautifully presented three bedroom semi-detached family home in the sought after area of North Abingdon, fined to an immaculate standard throughout. Benefits include driveway parking, garage, landscaped rear garden and several excellent schools nearby. Radley train station within 10 minutes drive.

Wantage £450,000

Stunning four bedroom detached family home in the popular village of Grove. Presented to a very high standard and benefits from a garage with additional parking and a conservatory.

Abingdon £250,000

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Tangmere Close £350,000

NEW INSTRUCTION

OFFERED TO THE MARKET WITH NO ONWARD CHAIN is this well presented home that offers THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS, SOLAR PANELS and COOPER SCHOOL CATCHMENT.

Oak Lane £255,000

NEW INSTRUCTION

Located in the highly popular village of Ambrosden is this well presented home. Offering generous accommodation throughout, including; two double bedrooms, well appointed bathroom, double aspect living room and a fantastic kitchen diner. The property is offered to the market with no onward chain.

Orchard Way £280,000

NEW INSTRUCTION

This well presented semi-detached home sits on a larger than average plot benefiting from partially converted garage.3 well sized bedrooms, 2 reception rooms and offers a wealth of possibilities to extend subject to the relevant consents.

Lawrence Way £240,000

SOLD IN THE 6 WEEK CHALLENGE

A three bedroom semi-detached property situated on a corner plot offering double glazing, gas central heating, lounge, dining room, bathroom, enclosed rear garden.

Blenheim Drive £225,000

SOLD IN THE 6 WEEK CHALLENGE

Situated in a quiet cul de sac and offered to the market with no onward chain is this deceptively spacious home. With three well proportioned bedrooms, family bathroom, ground floor WC, living room, dining room and kitchen.

Tolgate House £62,000

SOLD IN THE 6 WEEK CHALLENGE

This recently fully refurbished 1 bed apartment within easy walking distance of town centre and train stations is ideal for town centre living.

Tubb Close £475,000

SEPERATE ANNEXE

Set at the bottom of a private road an occupying a generous plot is this ample bungalow with a superb one bedroom annex. Offering the discerning buyer a fantastic opportunity to create a stunning one off home

The Quadrangle £230,000

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WITNEY

Abingdon Road £400,000

MARKETED IN 6 WEEK CHALLANGE

A THREE BEDROOM FAMILY HOME. Located in the very sought after popular location of Standlake. This very well presented property boasts 3 bedroom, spacious kitchen, a car port for 2 cars.

Stonesfield £300,000

Connells are delighted to offer this fantastic three bedroom family home in Stonesfield. This property boasts off road parking, a rear garden and garage. NO ONWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating D.

Minster Lovell £325,000

MARKETED IN THE 6 WEEK CHALLENGE

Two bedroom bungalow in the popular village of Minster Lovell.

Wenrisc Drive £365,000

A Three bedroom family home located in the very sought after location of Minster Lovell. This very well presented property boasts a private rear garden, garage and parking. A fantastic opportunity to purchase this very well presented 3 bedroom semi-detached family home in the very sought after location of Minster Lovell.

Standlake OIEO £490,000

This attractive home offers four bedrooms, a kitchen/diner, lounge and two bathrooms. Outside there is a spectacular rear garden which backs on the river Windrush. The property is located in the popular village Standlake, which is situated approximately 5 miles from the market town of Witney. EPC Rating D

Witney £265,000

Connells is delighted to bring to the market this mid-terraced house on the popular Deer Park Estate that is well presented, and recently re-decorated throughout. Offering gas central heating, one reception room, breakfast kitchen, rear garden, double glazing and parking for two vehicles.

Madley Park, Witney £325,000

A very well presented three bedroom semi-detached home. Located on the sought after development of Madley Park, this well presented property boasts a private rear garden, garage and parking. EPC Rating B.

High Street O.I.E £180,000

SOLD IN 6 WEEK CHALLENGE

NO CHAIN A ground floor flat in Witney town centre, this is one of only nine purpose built apartments set back off the high street. The property offers an open plan kitchen/lounge, bedroom and a shower room. Outside the property is a rear communal garden area and off street parking for one car

Thorney Leys O.I.E £275,000

PRICE REDUCTION

A fantastic opportunity to purchase this well presented three bedroom terraced property, over three levels on the popular Thorney Leys development. Internally the property offers a living room, very spacious kitchen/diner, three bedrooms with two family bathrooms.

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Cowley Road — £490,000

SOLD IN SIX WEEK CHALLENGE

A rare opportunity to purchase a spacious three bedroom detached home which provides generous accommodation and is located on the popular Cowley Road in Oxford. With enclosed off street parking for several vehicles and triple garage. HMO license.

EPC Rating: D

Rose Hill — Offers in Excess £210,000

SOLD IN SIX WEEK CHALLENGE

A stunning one bedroom ground floor apartment presented to an excellent standard. Modern open plan living room to fitted kitchen with built in appliances. Double bedroom with white bathroom. MUST VIEW to appreciate modern living. Close to local amenities with excellent bus service. 999 year lease.
EPC Rating: B

Temple Cowley — £225,000

SOLD IN SIX WEEK CHALLENGE

One DOUBLE BEDROOM ground floor apartment situated in the popular location of Temple Cowley and being offered onto the market in good decorative order with no onward chain. Offering easy access into Oxford City and the Southern Bypass, with amenities nearby.

EPC Rating: C

Blackbird Leys — £265,000

SOLD IN SIX WEEK CHALLENGE

This THREE BEDROOM family home does need general decorative updating but is mostly double glazed and fully gas central heated. Our vendor will accept an offer from a suitable buyer to secure his onward purchase which is vacant...!! Call to book your viewing on 01865 748448 to see this property.

EPC Rating: C

Cowley — £385,000

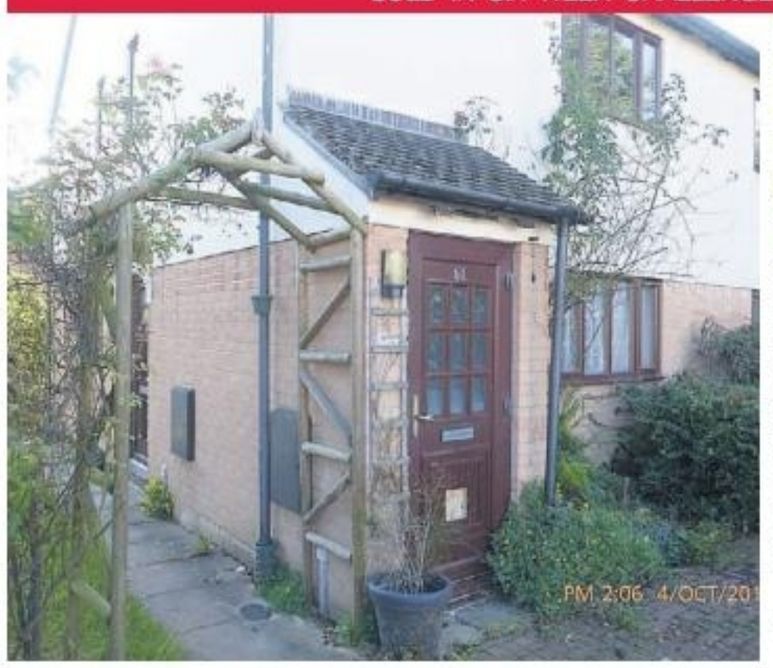
SOLD IN SIX WEEK CHALLENGE

A Sizable Bay Fronted EXTENDED Semi Detached Which Is In Good Order Throughout. Lounge Through To A Defined Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Utility Room & Conservatory, Upstairs White Bathroom, & 3 Bedrooms. Good Sized Family Home.

EPC Rating: E

Greater Leys — Shared Ownership £41,250

SOLD IN SIX WEEK CHALLENGE



One bedroom first floor maisonette in need of modernisation is offered to the market with parking and garden. Gas central heating and double glazing. This is an ideal opportunity for first time buyers to get on the housing ladder with a 25% share of equity.

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Greater Leys — £255,000

SOLD IN 6 WEEK CHALLENGE

Two bedroom semi detached property located in a cul-de-sac with garage and off street parking for three vehicles. Including en-suite to master bedroom and kitchen with dining area. Ideal for first time buyers and investors alike, offered with no onward chain.

EPC Rating: Awaited

Florence Park — £385,000

SOLD IN 6 WEEK CHALLENGE

An extended mid terrace with original features. Parking to front of the property and enclosed landscaped rear garden, en suite to master bedroom, bathroom and utility room.
Being sold with no onward chain.

EPC Rating: D

Florence Park — Offers in Excess £400,000

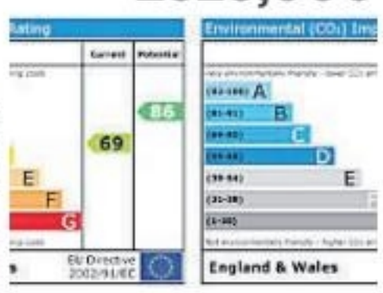
Extended family home in Florence Park. The property has recently been refurbished with a double storey extension to rear allowing for three double bedrooms, open plan through lounge, diner to kitchen, parking on drive and rear garden. Offered with no onward chain.
EPC Rating: D

Blackbird Leys — £275,000

Well-presented family home benefiting from light refurbishment and spacious accommodation, three bedrooms
large rear garden with double glazing and gas central heating. Situated in a cul-de-sac in Blackbird Leys with good access to amenities and bus service.

EPC Rating: E

Littlemore — £325,000



Extended and refurbished home offered with no onward chain, ideal for a mature family or investors alike. The property has been designed to offer an adaptable living arrangement, open plan lounge kitchen and diner, study/bedroom four, utility room & WC. Three double bedrooms with en-suite to master.
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HEADINGTON

Yarnton **OIE £375,000**

Three bedroom semi detached house in the popular village of Yarnton with a garage and off street parking. The enclosed rear garden is laid to lawn with a brick paved patio. This property has potential to be extended (subject to planning)

Headington **OIE £475,000**

Modern and spacious 3 bed family home which boasts extended kitchen diner at the rear, large living room and downstairs cloakroom on the ground floor.

Horspath **OIE £275,000**

Share of Freehold. Exciting opportunity to purchase this spacious and modern apartment in the heart of Horspath village. Three bedrooms and off road parking in a village location

Headington **£475,000**

Offered with no onward chain, this property is located on a large corner plot providing ample space for extension (subject to planning). Easy access to the John Radcliffe Hospital and A/M40 makes this an ideal family home or investment opportunity.

Oxford **£475,000**

Located in Oxford's 'Golden Triangle' this property offers spacious accommodation over two levels with off road parking. This location offers easy access to the bustling Cowley Road and St Clements shops, bars, restaurants and local amenities. Would be ideal for families or investors.

Headington **£500,000**

Three bedroom family home in this highly regarded road.This property is offered with no onward chain. Within walking distance from the Churchill, Nuffield and JR hospitals. Also close proximity to Brookes campus and Headington shops.

Headington **£410,000**

Ideally located for access to the John Radcliffe hospital and A/M40, this property has a ground floor extension and two reception rooms. An ideal family home or investment opportunity.

Headington **£250,000**

A well presented home within the ring road which gives you great links to the Churchill and Nuffield hospitals. Ideal opportunity for either a first time buyer or a buy to let investor.

Headington **£380,000**

This spacious house with a substantial garden is located in the catchment area for the Cherwell School. With easy access to Oxford hospitals and the A/M40 this property would make an ideal family home or investment opportunity

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THAME

Bledlow £925,000

A rare opportunity to acquire a four bedroom detached bungalow with mature and enclosed gardens approaching c. 0.3 acre in an excellent rural location with panoramic views across unspoilt countryside to the rear. Currently the property is in need of some upgrading and enhancement and offers excellent potential for future extension (sstp).

Thame £425,000

Located within easy access of the bustling town centre of Thame and within a sought after new development, this three bedroom semi-detached house is an ideal family home. Built in 2012 by David Wilson Homes, this property is still under NHBC warranty.

Brill £280,000

A lovely, picturesque two bedroom property located in the sought after village of Brill. Viewing is highly advised. This home, which offers tidy and well maintained accommodation throughout includes a ground floor living room, dining room and kitchen whilst the first floor has a master bedroom, second double bedroom and bathroom.

Chalgrove £340,000

With two double bedrooms and one single, this property has been cleverly extended into the garage to give a spacious downstairs living area with two reception rooms.

Chinnor £375,000

A 2 bedroom bungalow that provides good accommodation throughout with ample sized rooms and a formal and mature rear garden. The property, which is in need of some modernisation gives a bright and airy feel, with sitting room, double bedroom, bathroom, kitchen with access to the rear garden and a spacious master bedroom.

Chalgrove £425,000

A very well presented and well cared for four bedroom detached family home on the outskirts of this thriving Oxfordshire village. Located in a cul-de-sac of similar styled properties that provides good access to the centre of the village, this lovely family home is offered for sale in pristine decorative order throughout.

Thame £300,000

Offering modern and well presented accomodation within a close distance to the centre of the popular market town of Thame, this mid terraced property has been lovingly maintained and enhanced to a high standard.

Thame £490,000

A traditional 1930's three bedroom semi-detached family home situated in a sought after residential area that gives good access to the town centre of Thame. Renovated to a high standard with new kitchen/ diner, new bathrooms and carpets throughout, this is a rare opportunity to purchase a high quality home with off street parking and a good sized garden.

Thame £375,000

A lovely and well maintained three bedroom semi-detached property located just a short distance from the historical market town centre of Thame. The property, which has been subject to a rear extension and a garage conversion gives the prospective buyer plenty of space with a bright and airy feel with neutral, well presented decor.

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Andrews Abingdon

Abingdon £350,000
"The owners have created a social space in the rear garden by incorporating patio areas ideal for garden furniture and barbecuing" EPC rating D

Sutton Courtenay £390,000
'Landscaped to incorporate flower beds, mature trees and carefully placed patio areas to best enjoy sunny afternoons' EPC Rating C.

Abingdon OIEO £600,000
This home is a cosy retreat whilst still having access to the town of Abingdon. EPC Rating D.

Abingdon £300,000
This 3 bedroom family home will appeal to those looking for a retreat whilst still being within easy reach of Abingdon. EPC Rating C.

Long Wittenham £325,000
Cottage offering a quintessentially English garden stocked with mature shrubs with the aroma of honeysuckle in the air. Awaiting EPC Rating.

Abingdon £375,000
This family home will appeal to those looking for a house which offers a no through road position, at the end of a cul-de-sac. EPC Rating C.

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Central Abingdon
£525,000

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Abingdon £275,000
Natural light floods into this town centre two bedroom apartment, particularly in the dual aspect L-shaped lounge/diner. Awaiting EPC Rating.

Abingdon £375,000
With natural light flooding through each window, this 3 bedroom property is the perfect place to cosy up during the winter months. EPC Rating D.

North Abingdon
£270,000

Located in this cul-de-sac position is this two bedroom home with an enclosed rear garden. EPC Rating C.

Drayton £440,000
Chalet bungalow offering tranquil living as it is situated within a no through road in the village of Drayton. EPC Rating D.

Abingdon £300,000
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Beautiful barn home available for rental

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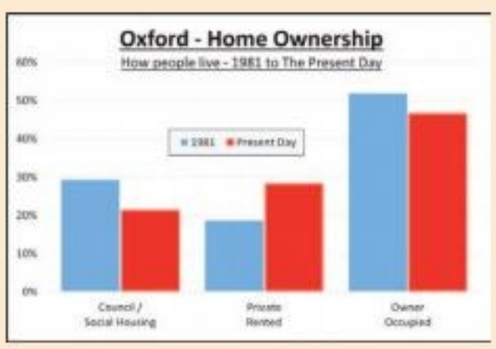
garage and off-road parking for two to three cars. Unfurnished or part furnished as required. Available beginning of November. The accommodation comprises: Section one: Large open-plan kitchen/breakfast room with separate utility, with access to downstairs W/C and dual-aspect oak staircase to the first two bedrooms, both of which are a generous size, one offering a separate study/dressing room over the double garage, and both with built-in storage and individual en-suites. Section two: Reception room with vaulted ceiling offering exposed beams, character features and wood burner. Section three: Large open-plan sitting/dining room with dual-aspect oak staircase leading to a further two generously-sized bedrooms with individual en-suites and storage cupboards. The garden can be accessed from the sitting/dinning room via twin patio doors offering a light and airy feel to the room. Call Davis Tate's Didcot office on 01235 818371.

Oxford property prices have risen 942% since 1981

Bill Cooper, co-author of The Oxford Property Blog and Managing Director of Martin and Co Oxford

Roll the clock back 35 years to 1981. Margaret. Thatcher was Prime Minister, we had a Royal Wedding, England won the Ashes and Bucks Fizz triumphed in Eurovision with 'Making Your Mind Up'. Haven't things changed? The number of homeowners and property investors who said they wish they had hindsight and bought up every house in Oxford all those years ago, especially when you consider what has happened to Oxford property values - since 1981, they have risen by 942%. Not bad when you consider inflation over the same time period has been 271.9%, meaning in real terms (ie after inflation), property values in Oxford are 670.1% higher. It's no wonder people can't afford to buy property anymore and landlords are attracted by bricks and mortar. Yet the changes to the Oxford Property market run much deeper than increases in value. No one could have predicted how the property market has changed in Oxford over the last 30 years. Looking at the local authority data for Oxford City Council in 1981, 29.3% of Oxford people lived in a council house, whilst today its 21.4% - a drop which can in part be attributed to Mrs Thatcher allowing council tenants the right to buy their council house. The private rental sector since 1981 has, as one would have expected, also changed. The proportion of properties privately rented in the Oxford area (ie through a private landlord or a letting agency) has seen quite an increase, rising from 18.6% to 28.2% of all domestic property. So, let us consider those people who own their own home, surely that has had a massive drop? In 1981, the proportion of people who lived in the Oxford City Council area who owned their own home was 51.9% and today it's 46.7%. Not the seismic change most of you were probably expecting but a material reduction nonetheless. Home ownership in the 1980s and 1990s in Oxford did, in fact, rise, but, as I have discussed in previous articles in the Oxford Property Market Blog, that was because nearly every council tenant was buying their council house. Now there are too few council houses for the younger generation to move into nor sufficient properties provided by social landlords to make up the shortfall. This means that the people who would otherwise occupy such properties have no choice but to privately rent. The Oxford property market is constantly changing but current imbalance between supply and demand for property means that buy-to-let investment in Oxford is over reliant on house price growth, with rental yield having been progressively eroded by the ever-increasing purchase price. I see the changes in tax and landlord and tenant law in a different perspective to many commentators – I believe yield should and will become more important as landlords experience the consequential deterioration in their returns. Some may need to change their buy-to-let targets, their financing methodology or broaden their portfolio geographically (eg look at Kidlington, Bicester or other satellite towns) and by type (eg ensuring you have exposure to Oxford's student demand, and the growth in demand for HMOs from young professionals). Like Bucks Fizz said in their song, it's time to make your mind up. The advice I give to my landlords, and also to you my blog reading friends is this; the changes to come will make some landlords panic, providing a more stable platform for knowledgeable and wise and well-advised Oxford landlords to thrive. If you want to learn more about the Oxford Property Market, feel free to pop in for a coffee at our office for a chat with me, or failing that, visit the Oxford Property Blog, where you will find many more articles, at www.OxfordPropertyBlog.co.uk.



Miller Homes on form with sponsorship of girls' football kit

Miller Homes Southern hit a winner when it sponsored a new under-9 girls' football team.

The name of the housebuilder, which recently celebrated the opening of a show home at its Bradbery Gardens development in Didcot, will appear on Harwell & Hendred YFC's training kit for the 2016/17 season.

The young players were joined by Miller Homes staff at a recent training session at their Boundary Park home ground.

Linda Humphrey, sales manager at Miller Homes, said: "At Miller Homes, we are always looking at ways in which we can contribute to the local community.

"The sponsorship of the training kit is a fantastic way to show our support in Didcot, which has welcomed us in such a fantastic way with the arrival of our already popular Bradbery Gardens development in the region. We wish the girls the best of luck for the season ahead."

Liz Pill, team coach at Harwell & Hendred YFC, thanked Miller Homes for its support, adding: "We hope the Miller Homes name will be a lucky charm for the rest of the season!" Phase two of the Bradbery Gardens development is due to launch soon. A selection of two- and three-bedroom properties will be available. For more information on Bradbery Gardens, contact 03300 291 962, or visit the sales centre, open Thursday to Monday, 10am to 5pm.

Housing market remains unaffected by Brexit vote

The UK's property market continues to be unaffected by Brexit, with the latest figures showing house prices are still rising and buyer demand is up for the first time in seven months.

The statistics from the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors show eight per cent more estate agents reported an increase in buyer enquiries in September, while the Office for National Statistics says the annual rise in property prices accelerated to 8.4 per cent in August.

Kevin Shaw, national sales director at property specialist Leaders, says: "Industry figures, as well as our own results, suggest Brexit has failed to have a significant impact on the property market.

"The market still looks incredibly strong, with prices rising and more buyers coming forward to search for a new home. All of this combines to put sellers in a strong position and to make it the ideal time to sell a home.

"Following some post-referendum jitters in June and July, confidence is returning and this is filtering through to both sellers and buyers. What's more, the outlook remains positive and I expect more sales and stable prices to be a feature of the market going forwards."

The east of England and the south-east have been highlighted as two areas in which the market is exceptionally strong, with these regions reporting a rise in house prices of 13.3 and 12.2 per cent respectively over the last year.

Kevin adds: "It is a particularly good sign that the latest figures are not purely a result of substantial growth in London, with a number of different regions reporting strong market activity."

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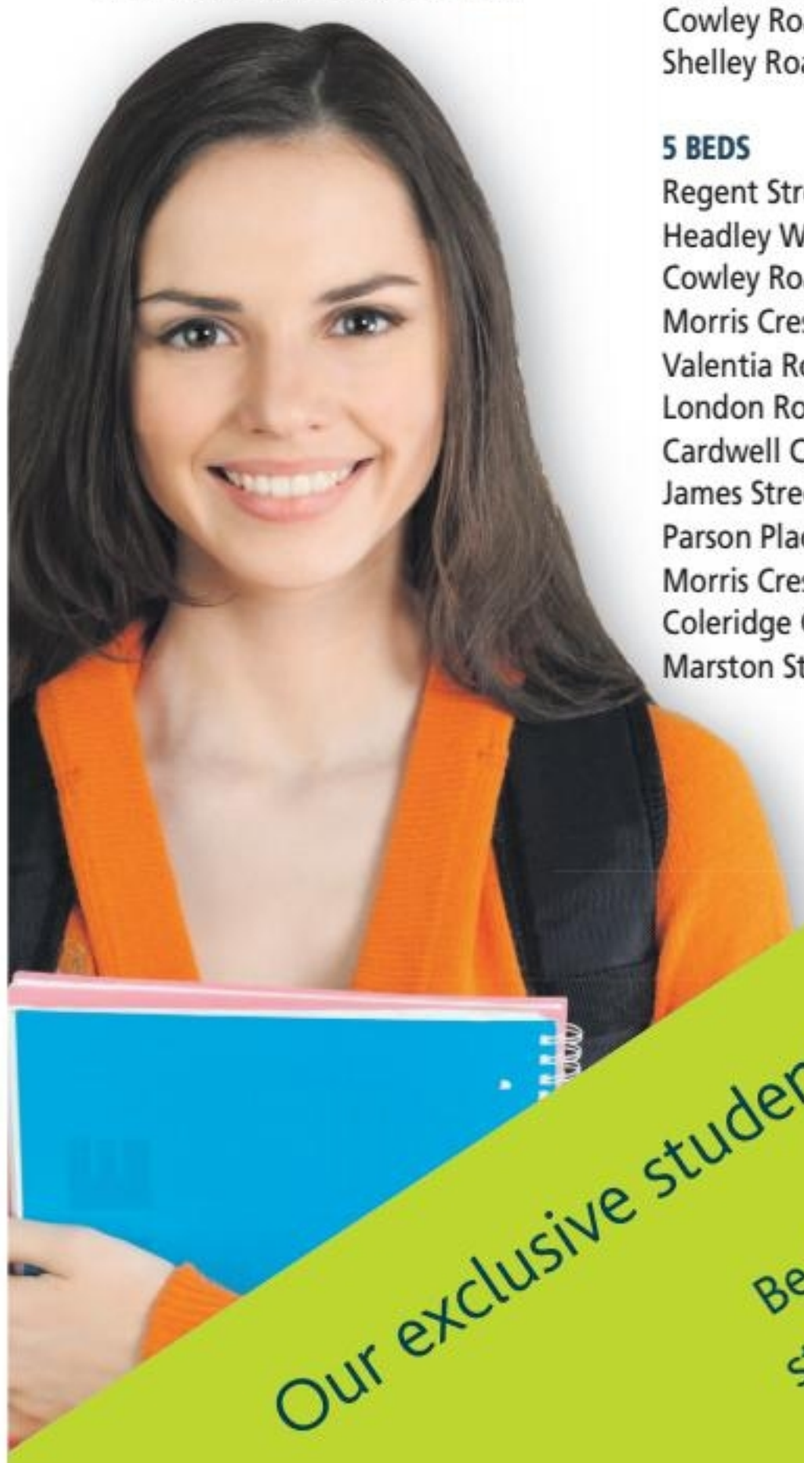

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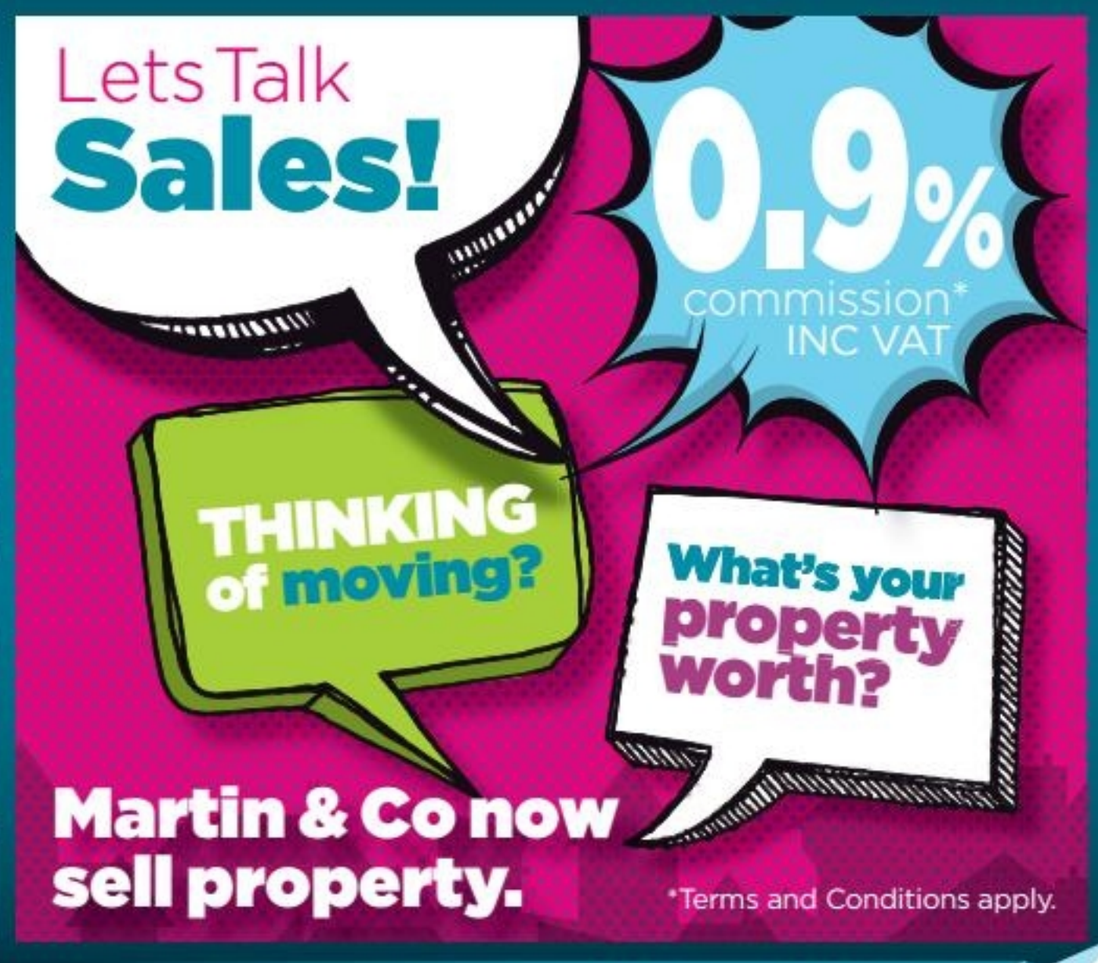

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The lightbulb moment of connecting with the fans

By James Richings

IN May, folk band Mawkin supported Bellowhead on what was the latter's last gig before disbanding at Oxford County Hall.

Six months later, Mawkin are back in the city.

This evening (Thursday) at The Jericho Tavern they will be performing tracks off their latest album, 'The Ties That Bind'.

And with this being the group's first visit to the Walton Street venue, vocalist and guitarist David Delarre hopes they can make a good first impression whilst picking up some news fans and friends on the way.

"We're a bunch of mates, some of us worked in a pub together, some of us were in an Iron Maiden tribute band together, it's all about the fun with us," he said.

"We play the guitar, bass, melodeon, fiddle and drums and we all sing–we like it when the audience does too."

Made up of brothers David (guitar) and James Delarre (fiddle), Danny Crump (bass), Nick Cooke (melodeonist) and Lee Richardson (drummer), the band formed in the summer of 2002 and have since released three albums.

And with their latest record being a critical success with folk fans all over the country, as the self-written tracks are mostly protest songs and songs of rebellion, David hopes he can inspire more people to listen to the genre.

After their gig in Oxford, the band will then travel to venues in Bath and Penzance before ending their tour in Honiton on Sunday, October 30.

"It is very important for youngsters to go and watch live music," David said.

"It gives this music context.

"It is all very well listening to music on your headphones but this music is about being part of something, part of a community and really feeling like your amongst friends.

"You can't get that from YouTube.

"And I love the feeling of connection with an audience.

"It's like when you have a lightbulb moment with someone at exactly the same time."

• Mawkin (from left) David Delarre, Danny Crump, Nick Cooke, Lee Richardson and James Delarre

When talking about the band's experience at performing with Bellowhead at their farewell gig, David said, "It was amazing.

"We supported them on the whole tour and played to 40, 000 people in 20 days.

"It was the best thing ever and by the last gig all of their fans were singing along to our songs and we felt so welcomed.

"It was magical."

Tickets for tonight's gig cost £16.50 and it starts at 7.30pm.

Be-Wytch-ing gig

LIVE MUSIC: The Wytches will be at the O2 Academy in Oxford on Wednesday, November 2.

The Peterborough-based band, arrive at the Cowley Road venue to perform tracks off their latest album, 'All Your Happy Life'.

Tickets £11.25. Doors open at 6.30pm.

The last laugh

COMEDY: The Glee Club in Oxford hosts its last comedy night on Saturday before the building is demolished.

Funny men Carl Donnelly, Andrew Bird, Pierre Novellie are among those at the Hythe Bridge Street venue.

The Glee Club will be relocating to The Bullingdon in January, with stand ups every Saturday night.

Tickets for the final gig cost £14.50 and doors open at 7.15pm.

Country sounds

LIVE MUSIC: Charlotte Campbell will be at the Unicorn Theatre in Abingdon on Thursday, November 3.

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Thu, Oct 27, 7.30pm
O2 Academy, Oxford
TELEMAN
The art of songwriting has been the driving force behind Teleman's second album,Brilliant Sanity. The result is an album that appears fastidiously and impeccably made, but also charged with joy.

Fri, Oct 28, 8pm
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Sat, Oct 29, 2pm and 4pm
Pegasus Theatre, Oxford
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Sat, Oct 29, 2.30pm
The Mill Arts Centre, Banbury
ALFIE WHITE: SPACE EXPLORER
Alfie White is crazy about space – and his dad is training to be the first man on the moon, At least that's what Alfie tells his schoolmates. In fact, his dad has disappeared without a trace –as if swallowed up by a black hole. Together with his best friend Meg, Alfie sets out on a daring mission to find his dad. But where on earth – or in space – is he?
A cosmic tale of adventure and discovery for everyone aged five and up.
Tall Stories' latest production had a brilliant run at the 2015 Edinburgh Fringe - with great feedback from audiences and reviewers alike. Running time 55 minutes (no interval)

Sat, Oct 29, 8pm
The Mill Arts Centre, Banbury
THE ULTIMATE TRIBUTE SHOW
Ultimate Beatles are one of the UK's top Beatles tribute bands. The band formed in 2001 and since then have been thrilling audiences all over the world with their accurate recreation of a live Beatles concert. Since starting

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Sat, Oct 29, 10pm
Halloween Garage Party
O2 ACADEMY, OXFORD
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Mon, Oct 31 – Sat, Nov 5
New Theatre, Oxford
GHOST
Bill Kenwright presents Sarah Harding and Andy Moss in a brand new production of the timeless story of love, despair and hope: Ghost - The Musical.
Girls Aloud singer and actress Sarah Harding will make her stage debut this autumn starring as 'Molly', opposite Andy Moss, best known for starring as Rhys Ash-worth in Channel 4's Hollyoaks, as 'Sam'.

Tue, Nov 1 – Sat, Nov 5
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford
THE TROJAN WOMEN
The Trojan War is over, the Greeks have won and all the men are slaughtered. So, who do the Trojan women belong to? Gods and ancient hierarchies collide with a world of guns, television and iPhones, as Caroline Bird re-imagines the classical world of Euripides' The Trojan Women.
Set in the mother-and-baby unit of a prison, this play uses biting wit to dissect the absurdity of war and the flaws of a society that gives no power to women. In a world where 'feminism' is not even in the dictionary, how do strong women survive?

Wed, Nov 2, 7.15pm
Corn Exchange, Wallingford
ROYAL BALLET: ANASTASIA
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Sun, Nov 6, 7.30pm
O2 Academy, Oxford
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Fri, Nov 11, 7.30pm
Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot
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Fri, Nov 11, 7.30pm
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford
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Short stays

At Caring Homes we are dedicated to providing dignified and respectful residential, nursing and dementia care. We understand how difficult it can be for families or friends to take a break from providing ongoing care to accomplish all those essential Christmas jobs. Whether you need time to finalise gift buying and wrapping or a complete break to focus on yourself and other family members, we can help. That's why we offer short stays – for a few hours, a few days, or a few weeks at over 60 homes across England and Scotland, providing a bespoke service to match your requirements.

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Seasons Greetings

Over 3,000 residents and their families enjoyed the festivities with us last year and many of our short stay residents return regularly, appreciating the well-managed and friendly home from home atmosphere. There's a full programme of Christmas-themed events and activities to look forward to and participate in too, offering stimulation and the opportunity to make new friends.

Our usual programme runs for several weeks and includes favourites such as Christmas jumper day, making decorations and cards, pudding stirring, carol singing, a panto trip, party games and quizzes plus a visit from a local entertainer - as well as our traditional Christmas lunch with all the trimmings.

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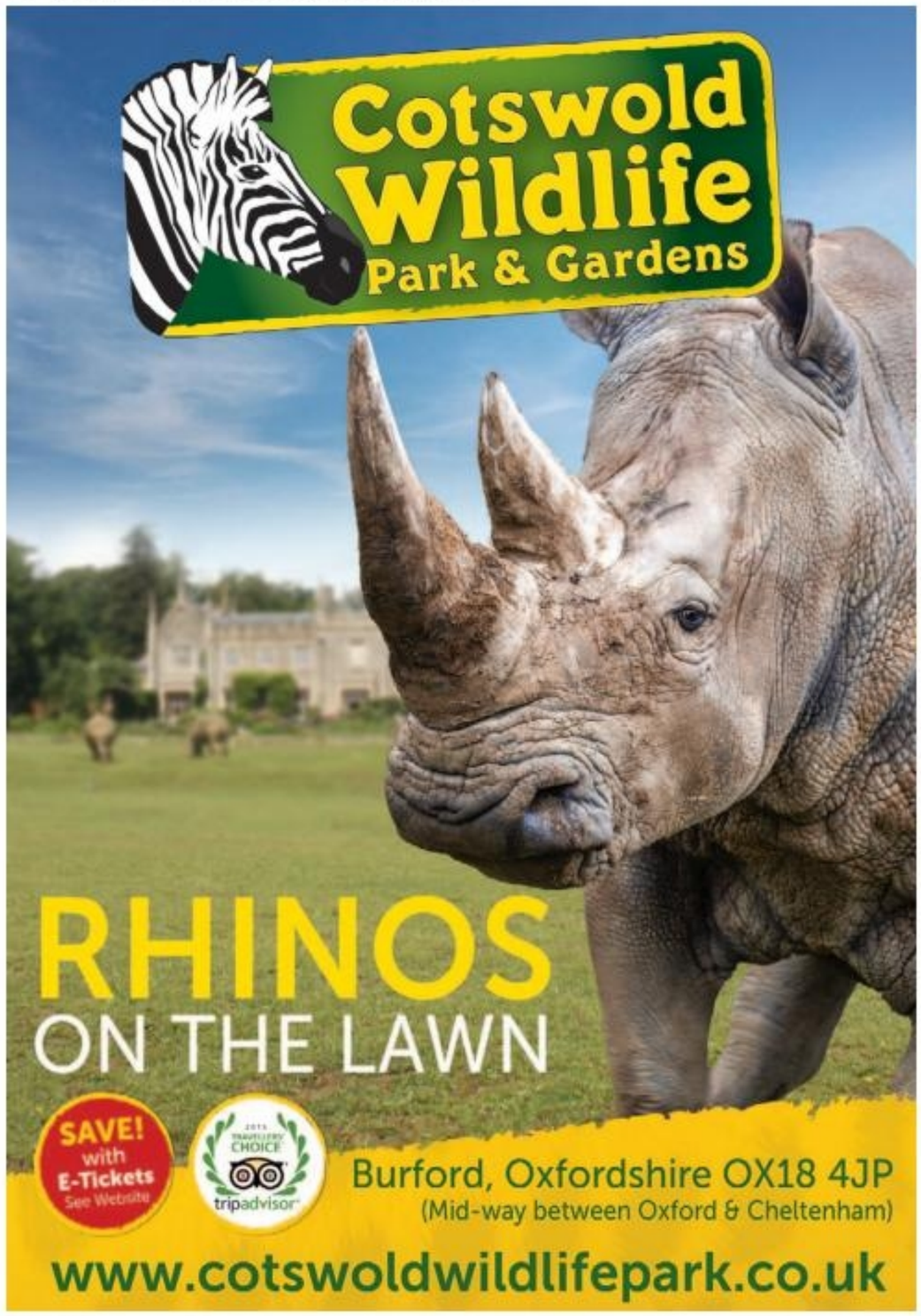

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Spooky animals!

BRING your little monsters to the Cotswold Wildlife Park over the half term holidays. Let them run off steam in their adventure playground and discover the spookier animals that they have at the Park.

Peer at the Giant Anacondas underwater, creep into the bat house and watch them feast on fruit kebabs! Sneak into our insect house with Tarantulas and Death's Head Cockroaches enough to scare anyone!

Watch the Wolverines romp around their wooded enclosure, check out the Snowy and Great Grey Owls or take a ride on the train with spooky spider hidden in the tunnel. A new animal arrival is a Binturong, otherwise known as a Bearcat. It is not related to bears or cats, but looks like a cross between the two, which can be found in its enclosure by the restaurant.

October is a great time to visit with the gardens reaching their late summer peak and the leaves turning into Autumn hues. The Park is a Royal Horticultural Society Partner Garden and RHS members can get in to the Cotswold Wildlife Park in October for free with their membership card. (see RHS website for T&Cs).

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Unless there have been no changes to your PAYE code, other than any annual increase in the personal allowance, HMRC will send a PAYE coding notice around February/March for the new tax year beginning 6 April.

It is important to check your code and notify HMRC of any changes that might affect it.

If you have not received a coding notice you should find the PAYE code currently being used on your payslip. The letter on the code can mean various things for example an L means the code includes your personal allowance, and a K means HMRC are collecting tax on another source of income or benefit, for example a company car. The standard code for the current tax year is 1100L. If you have this code, then it simply consists of the £11,000 personal tax allowance and there is nothing else in there.

If you don't know why you have a particular PAYE code, you should contact HMRC for an explanation. HMRC may try to collect tax on other income through your PAYE code and in the case of the state pension they are permitted to do this. However, for other income such as rents from property and where a taxpayer usually submits a self-assessment tax return, you can opt to pay the tax due through self-assessment and ask HMRC to remove such income from the code.

If a spouse or civil partner does not have enough income to use their full personal allowance, they can transfer £1,100 to their spouse or partner provided the transferee's income is between £11,001 and £43,000.

Up to 2015-16 expense payments were reported on forms P11D and a deduction for the business proportion of those expenses had to be claimed through your tax return.

From April 6, 2016, business expenses no longer need to be reported on a P11D. It is therefore wise to check that no such expenses are still showing on your PAYE code.

There are number of other expenses that relief can be claimed on but the rules are quite restrictive. Specific occupations can claim a flat rate for items such as tools or laundering uniforms.

The majority of employee benefits are taxable but there are a few where tax breaks are possible such as salary sacrifice arrangements.

Tax and NICs are not payable on employer pension contributions and if your salary is at a level where you could perhaps lose child benefit entitlement or personal allowance then you may wish to increase your pension contributions to reduce the taxable salary.

HMRC have advisory fuel rates for employees using either their own car or a company car for business travel. If you use your own car and your employer pays less than these rates, then you can claim the tax relief on the difference. For example, an employee can claim 45p per mile on the first 10,000 business miles in their own car - therefore if the employer only pays them 35p per mile then additional tax relief can be claimed for a further 10p per mile.

There is no definitive answer to the question of whether it is better to have a company car or a private car or indeed if you should pay for your own private fuel or have the employer pay for all fuel and then pay tax on the benefit. The answer will very much depend on your business and private mileage therefore each case needs to be considered on its own merits. Unrestricted use of a company van has a taxable benefit of £3,170 plus a further £598 if fuel is provided. If the private use of the van by the employee only consists of home-to-work travel the benefit in kind can be reduced to zero.

Until the Government's new tax-free childcare scheme begins in 2017, childcare vouchers are used to reduce childcare costs and employer schemes can still be joined before the new system starts. The current voucher system will be closed to new entrants from April 2018.

From April 2016 qualifying trivial benefits in kind costing £50 or less are exempt from income tax and NICs. This new exemption is not applicable to benefits provided under a salary sacrifice arrangement. Such benefits provided to directors and office holders in close companies, including members of their family and household, are capped at £300 per annum.

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More distinctive styling is a feature of the facelifted crossover vehicle available in three variants

Suzuki S-Cross models revamped

In 2013, the S-Cross became Suzuki's first 'C' segment crossover. Three years later, and the line-up now incorporates the new facelifted model which is available in three distinct variants, namely the SZ4, the SZ-T and the top-of-the-range SZ5.

Priced from £14,999 OTR, and on sale now at Sportif Suzuki in Witney, the new S-Cross boasts more distinctive and upright front end styling.

The stronger and bolder exterior has been achieved thanks to a slightly higher ground clearance, coupled with sharper headlamps that flank the dominant chrome grille. At the rear, the revised LED lamps promote a cleaner and contemporary persona.

The refreshed and airy interior supplies ample head and legroom for five occupants, with 430 litres of space set aside for luggage. Within the cabin, the SZ4 model is fitted with Bluetooth, DAB digital radio, air conditioning, cruise control with a speed limiter, heated door mirrors, and electric front and rear windows at no additional cost.

The flagship S-Cross SZ5, which has eye-catching 17-inch alloy wheels, adds radar brake support, leather and heated front seats, as well as a double sliding panoramic sunroof.

The highly-acclaimed 1.4 and 1.0-litre Boosterjet engines with stop-start technology, first used in the Suzuki Vitara S compact SUV and Baleno hatchback respectively, have been incorporated within the facelifted S-Cross to deliver an effortless drive and genuine pleasure when at the wheel. The 1.0-litre powerplant, which comes with a five-speed manual transmission as standard, has nine per cent more torque than the former 1.6-litre petrol unit, together with 11 per cent lower CO2 emissions (113g/km for the 1.0-litre 2WD model and 119g/km with optional automatic transmission) and significantly improved combined fuel consumption of up to 56.4mpg.

The 1.4-litre 140PS Boosterjet engine, which is married to a six-speed gearbox (SZ5 models only) offers 220Nm of torque from just 1,500rpm – this is 41 per cent more powerful than the outgoing 1.6-litre motor. Performance is equally impressive – acceleration from 0 to 62mph in just 10.2 seconds for both manual and automatic versions, and a maximum speed, where permitted, of 124mph.

As with its predecessor, the latest S-Cross comes with a 1.6-litre DDiS diesel engine which uses a variable geometry turbocharger (VGT) to achieve high torque, low fuel consumption and a CO2 output of just 106g/km, meaning an annual VED charge of just £20.

Suzuki's ALLGRIP four-wheel drive system is available on SZ-T and SZ5 models. Furthermore, the ALLGRIP system has been enhanced by the addition of a feed forward function that allocates torque to the rear wheels before any slippage can occur.

Safety is paramount, and all grades of the new facelift S-Cross are equipped with seven airbags and ESP as standard. The SZ5 model also comes complete with Radar Brake Support (RBS) technology. When travelling above approximately 3mph, and it detects a risk of a front-end collision, the radar will automatically warn the driver to apply the brakes.

Customers will be able to take advantage of three years' free servicing for any variant of the S-Cross purchased before December 31, 2016. Every Suzuki car is covered by a three-year/60,000-mile new vehicle warranty, and one-year 24-hour UK and European AA Suzuki Assistance.

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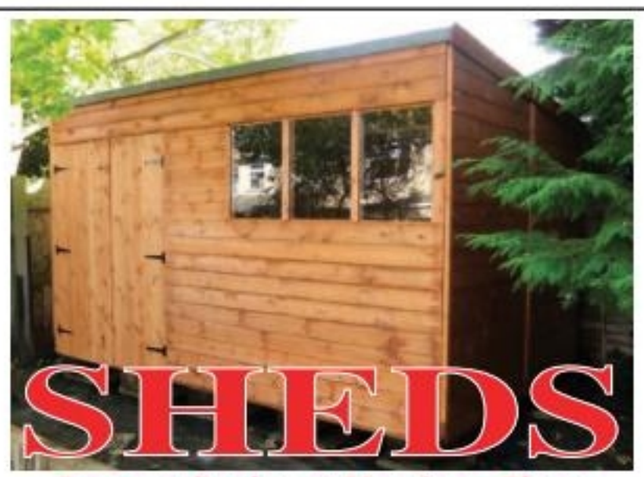

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Hopes of Williams drivers hit by punctures in US GP

By Adam Flinn

FELIPE Massa scored his best result since the start of May with a solid drive to come seventh in Sunday's US Grand Prix.

The Williams driver was fighting Carlos Sainz's Toro Rosso and Fernando Alonso's McLaren for fifth in the closing stages.

Massa was sixth and battling Sainz, whose softer tyres were causing him to run slower than the Brazilian.

But Alonso launched his McLaren up the side of the Williams with six laps to go, with the two bashing wheels and going off track. Massa picked up a puncture and had to pit for new tyres, although he had enough of a gap over eighth-placed Sergio Perez to remain in seventh.

Massa said: "I had a really good start and the race was going fantastically.

"But, at the end, Fernando dived into the corner I was taking, hit my car and I got a puncture because of it.

"It destroyed every opportunity I had to finish the race in sixth, and potentially fifth.

"We still finished seventh and closed the gap to Force India, but it should have been more."

It was an even worse afternoon for Massa's team-mate Valtteri Bottas after a puncture on the first lap ruined his race.

Bottas collided with Nico Hulkenberg at the first corner, and was forced to pit at the end of lap one for repairs. From there, Bottas was too far back to challenge for points and eventually brought his car home in 16th.

He said: "I went into turn one on the inside and had a good line for the corner, but at the apex Hulkenberg touched me and I got a puncture.

"That also damaged the floor of the car and I lost a lot of downforce for the rest of the race.

"The positive thing is that we narrowed the gap to Force India a bit, but we need to make sure that we score good points with both cars."

Williams are eight points behind Force India in the constructors' championship with three races remaining.

• *Felipe Massa leads Carlos Sainz in the early stages of the US GP (Picture courtesy of Williams Martini Racing)*

Drivers' championship standings

1. Nico Rosberg	Mercedes	331
2. Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	305
3. Daniel Ricciardo	Red Bull	227
4. Sebastian Vettel	Ferrari	177
5. Kimi Raikkonen	Ferrari	170
6. Max Verstappen	Red Bull	165
7. Sergio Perez	Force India	84
8. Valtteri Bottas	**Williams**	**81**
9. Nico Hulkenberg	Force India	54
10. Fernando Alonso	McLaren	52
11. Felipe Massa	**Williams**	**49**
12. Carlos Sainz	Toro Rosso	38
13. Romain Grosjean	**Haas**	**29**
14. Daniil Kvyat	Toro Rosso	25
15. Jenson Button	McLaren	19
16. Kevin Magnussen	**Renault**	**7**
17. Jolyon Palmer	**Renault**	**1**
18. Pascal Wehrlein	**Manor**	**1**
19. Stoffel Vandoorne	McLaren	1
20. Esteban Gutierrez	**Haas**	**0**
21. Marcus Ericsson	Sauber	0
22. Felipe Nasr	Sauber	0
23. Rio Haryanto	**Manor**	**0**
24. Esteban Ocon	**Manor**	**0**

Haas team finds success in home race

BANBURY-BASED Haas F1 scored their first point in nine races as Romain Grosjean came 10th in the US Grand Prix on Sunday.

In his 100th F1 start, Grosjean fought through the pack from 17th on the grid to grab the final point on offer at the American-owned team's home race in Austin.

The Frenchman made a good start to jump up three places on the opening lap, and remained on the fringes of the top-10 for much of the race.

However when Kimi Raikkonen's Ferrari stopped at the end of the pitlane, Grosjean was elevated the extra place he needed for a point.

"It's great to score a point in front of our home crowd," said Grosjean.

"We were lucky that a few cars retired in front of us but, in the end, we needed to finish the race.

"It's been a long time since we scored, and it's obviously a great thing to be able to score points at the end of the season."

• *Romain Grosjean scored Haas' first point in nine races on Sunday (Picture courtesy of Haas F1)*

Brake problems put an end to Esteban Gutierrez's race on lap 16 however, after he himself had been running in 10th in the opening laps.

He is still looking for his first points this season, and will hope for better luck at his home race in Mexico this weekend.

As for fellow Banbury-based team Manor, they again finished at the back with Pascal Wehrlein 17th and Esteban Ocon 18th.

Officials hit Magnussen with a penalty

RENAULT just missed out on scoring a point as Kevin Magnussen came home 11th on the road in Sunday's US Grand Prix, although he was eventually demoted a place by race officials.

The Dane was hit with a five-second penalty following the race after being judged to have gained an advantage by going off track to overtake Daniil Kvyat's Toro Rosso in the final laps of the race.

But it was still an impressive performance from Magnussen after making his way through the field from 18th on the grid.

Magnussen said: "It was the most fun I've had in the car all season, being able to push hard to the chequered flag.

"It was a pretty decent race and while the penalty is frustrating, that's racing sometimes."

His team-mate Jolyon Palmer also moved up the order, coming from 15th at the start to end 13th.

Palmer said: "I had a slow start and unfortunately lost a few places that allowed Kevin to pass me.

"We were really struggling to follow other cars and although I was quicker, I couldn't get close enough to pass which was so frustrating.

"In the end, I overheated my tyres trying to overtake and fell back a little bit."

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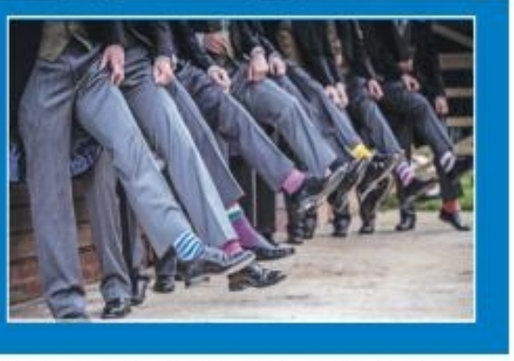

The Changing Face Of Men's Wedding Attire

British wedding habits have changed rapidly during the last few years, and this evolvement continues into 2016.

- The average wedding now costs over £16,000
- The trend for cupcakes is falling out of favour, being replaced with trends like cheese towers.
- Purple is the most popular bridesmaids dress colour
- 18% of newlyweds now honeymoon in the UK and 34% in Europe

These changes are also reflected in what the groom is opting to wear on his big day. At The Cotswold Tailor we have noticed big shifts in demand in both our hire department and our bespoke tailoring service, when it comes to wedding suits.

In 2015 we rented out not a single frock coat, and demand for morning coats fell significantly. When we did rent out a morning coat, more often than not the groom has opted to move away from traditional wedding waistcoats, and instead replaced these with tweed (*see picture right*).

Noticeably with both my bespoke and hire wear clients, there has been a shift towards: more tailored, three piece, slim-fit, lounge suits, particularly brighter blue shades. With many of my bespoke clients pointing out the benefits of getting frequent use out of the lounge suit post the wedding.

Possibly the biggest trend, however, has been in the rising popularity of tweed. As country/natural themed weddings have grown in popularity so too has the demand for both three piece tweed suits, but also the more relaxed look of a pair of chinos paired with tweed waistcoats and tweed jacket. (*see picture right*)

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Canadian first for Oxford RL

OXFORD Rugby League will be the first Kingstone Press League 1 side to make the trip to Canada to face Toronto Wolfpack next year.

The Canadian side will be the world's first Transatlantic professional sports team when the season starts in March, having joined the league for 2017.

Oxford will travel to Toronto on May 6 after the fixture list was published on Sunday.

Oxford start their season at Tilsley Park in Abingdon against Hemel Stags on March 5, and finish away to Keighley Cougars on July 16.

Head coach Tim Rumford said: "We have the honour to be the first to visit the Wolfpack which we are all thrilled and delighted about at Oxford."

Mar 5	Hemel Stags (H)
Mar 12	Workington Town (H)
Mar 26	Doncaster (A)
Apr 14	Coventry Bears (A)
May 6	Toronto Wolfpack (A)
May 14	Hunslet (H)
May 21	South Wales Ironmen (A)
Jun 4	Whitehaven (H)
Jun 10	London Skolars (A)
Jun 18	Newcastle Thunder (H)
Jun 25	University of Gloucestershire (A)
Jul 2	N. Wales Crusadera (H)
Jul 8	Barrow Raiders (A)
Jul 16	Keighley Cougars (A)

Oxford's poor start rolls on

OXFORD Hockey Club Ladies 1s continued their miserable start to the season with a 4-2 defeat at Spencer Women's 1s on Saturday.

They have now lost all five of their league games so far this season.

This was despite Oxford starting the game strongly, with Christy Barnard and Meg Scott putting pressure on the Spencer keeper.

But Spencer struck first through a penalty corner before they doubled their advantage on a quick break.

Spencer took the initiative early in the second half to make it 3-0 with a well-taken chance, despite Phil Swindell proving difficult to get past in goal.

Oxford responded with higher pressing and it worked to great effect. A great run by Victoria Sauven down the left meant Barnard got the smallest touch to claim Oxford's first goal and give them hope.

Vicky Small came close next, and only the post denied MoM Floor Timmer. But Timmer was not deterred and fired the ball home shortly afterwards to make it 3-2. However, any hope of a comeback was dashed when Spencer grabbed a fourth goal.

Pepperell's second-round shocker costs him place

By Adam Flinn

A DISASTROUS second round at the Portugal Masters last Friday cost Abingdon golfer Eddie Pepperell his place on the European Tour.

Sitting on the cut line, a double bogey on his final hole meant Pepperell missed out on progressing to the weekend by two shots.

Worse for Pepperell though, it means he finishes the season 114th in the European Tour's Race to Dubai standings, just shy of the top 110 who automatically retain their tour cards.

The tournament had started promisingly for Pepperell as he ended Thursday in joint second place, following a storming run to start the back nine.

After getting three birdies and two bogeys in the opening half of the course, the 25-year-old went birdie, birdie, eagle, birdie, birdie on holes 10 to 14 to end the day seven under par.

He got off to a good start in Friday's round after birdieing the first hole, but it was to be all downhill from there.

Five bogeys and another birdie followed and as he approached the final hole, he was right on the cut line, although a par would have seen him through into the weekend.

But an ugly double bogey six cost him the chance of making the weekend's play, and of automatically keeping his card.

It means that Pepperell now faces having to go through Q School to qualify for next season.

Posting on Twitter, Pepperell wrote: "My week's gone from bad to worse.

"Some great performances this week. Well done to those who secured their tour cards for 2017.

"Obviously I hope 2017 is better for me."

The result capped a poor run of form for Pepperell, who had missed the cut in seven of his last eight tournaments.

Pepperell will go straight into the final stage of Q School, which takes place at the PGA Catalunya Resort near Barcelona from November 12 to 17.

The top 25 players and ties after the final stage will get a tour card.

• *Eddie Pepperell has missed out on automatically keeping his European Tour card*

Stars' win wiped out through resignation

OXFORD City Stars triumphed in two 12-goal thrillers on Saturday and Sunday, although ultimately only one would count towards the league.

Saturday's 8-4 win against Wightlink Raiders was expunged after the Isle of Wight-based side resigned from the league on Monday following the closure of its home rink.

The following day saw the Stars thrash their rivals London Raiders 9-3 at Oxpens Road.

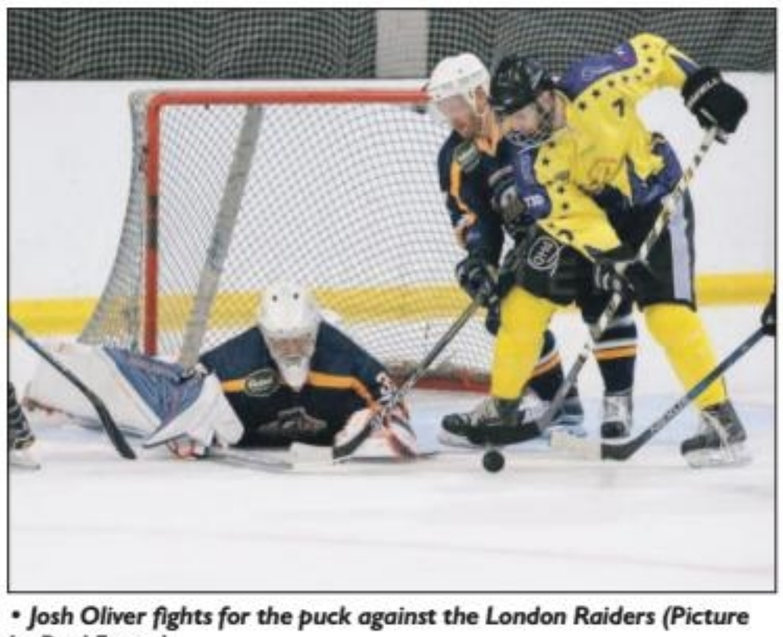
Hallam Wilson was the star of the show as he scored a hat-trick in what was the Stars' biggest victory of the season.

Ondrej Pekarik opened the scoring on eight minutes, with Josh Oliver and Wilson getting goals for the Stars in the first period, while the Raiders got one through Marek Nahlik.

The second period saw the Stars' dominance continue with Oliver, Wilson and Josh Florey getting the home side to six.

And the final 20-minute spell saw Stars fire in another three goals, with Wilson completing his hat-trick, alongside shots from Dominic Hopkins and Mike Whillock, while the Raiders were able to pull two back.

The Stars return to action at home against the Solent Devils on Saturday evening.



• *Josh Oliver fights for the puck against the London Raiders (Picture by Paul Foster)*

Last-lap attack sees Smith take 8th place in Australia

• *Bradley Smith leads Mike Jones and Esteve Rabat (Picture courtesy of Tech3)*

OXFORD'S MotoGP ace Bradley Smith put in an impressive ride as he came eighth at Sunday's Australian Grand Prix despite not being fully fit.

The 25-year-old Tech3 rider scored his best result since May in only his second race back after missing three rounds due to a complicated knee injury.

Starting 14th on the grid, Smith dropped back to 18th after a steady first lap, but from there the fightback began.

He slowly picked off the riders in front and joined a pack of seven all fighting for seventh in the final stages of the race.

And a frantic finish saw Smith eventually end up eighth after making up two positions on the last lap.

Smith said: "It was definitely a lot of hard work and in the last few laps, I was fortunate enough to find some opening gaps which allowed me to finish in eighth.

"Initially, I was a bit disappointed with myself because I wasn't aggressive enough at the start.

"However, once I found my rhythm, I was able to catch the group, even if it was a challenge to do this, and in the last corner I just went full attack mode on the outside and beat [Danilo] Petrucci and [Jack] Miller to the line."

Smith is 17th in the standings with 53 points with just two races remaining, the next of which is the Malaysian Grand Prix on Sunday.

Oxford spurn the chances in goalless draw

TEN-MAN Oxford City claimed their first clean sheet of the season in a goalless draw with fellow strugglers Weston-super-Mare in the National League South on Saturday.

Hoops captain Scott Davies was sent off as City failed to follow up last week's win at Poole Town with another three points.

The former Oxford United midfielder received his marching orders in stoppage time for a reckless challenge on the visitors' utility man Jamie Laird.

City missed a host of chances to be left frustrated by a team who were on an 11-game losing run.

James Roberts, Jonny Giles and Jefferson Louis were all guilty of misfiring.

Justin Merritt's plans were thrown into jeopardy after striker Mike Fondop and midfielder Godfrey Poku were involved in a car accident on their way to the ground.

Oxford and Weston remain in 18th and 19th place respectively.

Former world champion is one of the most respected

Air-racing ace pilot retires

By George Welch

AN Oxfordshire acrobatic pilot, considered one of the most accomplished and respected pilots in the history of the Red Bull Air Race, has retired.

Nigel Lamb has stepped down following a very successful career and seven years with the Breitling Racing Team, in which he won the World Championship in 2014.

The 60-year-old is the only pilot to have won the British National Unlimited Aerobatic Championship eight times consecutively.

He started flying with the Rhodesian Air Force in his home country of Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) and moved to England where he became an acrobatic pilot, before joining the Red Bull Air Race. Lamb moved with his wife Hilary to a village near Thame in 1986, where they have lived ever since, bringing up three boys.

After his retirement, the Guardian caught up with the 60-year-old for a quick-fire interview:

1. What is your most memorable highlight whilst competing in the Red Bull Air Race?
Spielberg 2014. The euphoria of becoming world champion!

2. What will you miss most when you're not competing any more?
I will definitely miss being on the race track but, more importantly, I'll miss the people. The Red Bull Air Race is an environment full of highly-talented, professional people who share the same passion.

3. The most valuable lesson you learned when you were in the Rhodesian Air Force?
Apart from developing the skills to operate a flying machine in close proximity to the ground, teamwork.

4. What was your favourite course/location around the world to fly on? And why?
There was only one race in 2016 which was totally unaffected by the weather so for the reliable climate and an easy commute, Ascot in Berkshire.

5. What do you enjoy about living in Oxfordshire?
Oxfordshire is perfectly located to enjoy all that our wonderful country has to offer. Plus, the area has great people, pubs, restaurants, sunsets, airfields and the peace and quiet.

6. What are your plans for your retirement?
I will still be involved in flying air displays with the vintage types; I'd still like to be involved with the Red Bull Air Race in some small capacity as I love the sport. I plan to play more sport and I'm becoming keen on building an aircraft... something very versatile for my retirement years."

• *Pictures courtesy of Red Bull Air Race Content Pool*

Abingdon Utd suffer defeat in FA Vase tie

ABINGDON United found themselves out of the FA Vase after throwing away a lead to lose 3-1 to Thatcham Town on Saturday.

The Hellenic League Division 1 West side, who have had an indifferent start to the season and find themselves mid-table, qualified for the FA Vase after a 3-2 win against Oxford City Nomads in the second qualifying round.

But United could not match their 2014/15 record of making it into the second round of the FA Vase after a James Tennant-inspired Thatcham stormed to victory.

But home side Abingdon took an early lead in the first-round fixture as Sam Wharton opened the scoring after 11 minutes.

However, Thatcham were level before the end of the first half as Lewis Brownhill grabbed the equaliser on his debut for the club.

The score remained 1-1 until the 73rd minute when Tennant put the visitors ahead.

And Tennant secured the win as he fired in his second and Thatcham's third 10 minutes later to make the score 3-1 at the full-time whistle.

United, who have won their last two league matches, are back in Hellenic League action on Saturday as they take on Shortwood United Reserves at Tilsley Park.

• *James Tennant scores against Abingdon United on Saturday (Picture by Chris Janes)*

Didcot pick up win and draw

• *Didcot celebrate the equalising goal against Hereford (Picture by Roger Neal)*

DIDCOT player-manager Andy Ballard will be pleased with his team's efforts after an encouraging week in a frustratingly inconsistent season to date.

The Railwaymen beat the odds to draw 2-2 away at table-topping and unbeaten Hereford on Saturday before a dramatic 3-2 win at home to AFC Totton on Tuesday night.

Hereford, who had Ryan Green sent off at the start of the second half, secured a half-time lead through former Town striker John Mills and Mike Symons, who struck on 28 and 36 minutes respectively.

Ben Whitehead scored a penalty on 46 minutes, for which Green received his marching orders, and Jordan Graham scored his first goal for Diddy to save a point.

That draw was followed by a 3-2 win against AFC Totton in what was the first match at the Loop Meadow stadium in six games.

Despite falling behind on six minutes, strikes from Adam Learoyd and Graham ensured Diddy a half-time lead. Totton drew level from the spot on 51 minutes before they were reduced to 10 men on the hour mark.

Town took advantage of their extra man when Sam Barder struck the winner 12 minutes from time with a stunning 25-yard effort.

Didcot have moved up to 13th in the Southern League Division 1 South & West table.

Sport Bites

Cup tie televised

FOOTBALL: Oxford United's FA Cup first round tie away at non-league Merstham is to be televised live on BT Sport.

Kick-off has been moved to 12.30pm on Saturday, November 5, for the TV cameras and both teams will receive a broadcast fee of £67,500.

The U's have been allocated space for 1,000 fans for the match.

The Surrey village team play in the Isthmian League Premier Division, the seventh tier of English football, and are appearing in the first round for the first time.

Back in action

FOOTBALL: Two of Oxford United's injured players took important steps on their road to recovery on Tuesday as they featured in a behind-closed-doors friendly against MK Dons.

Midfielder Ryan Ledson who has been out of action for the last three weeks with a knee injury played 60 minutes, while forward Rob Hall who also had a knee injury, managed 45 minutes.

Hall provided assists for two of the goals in the match which Utd won 3-2.

Town sponsor

FOOTBALL: Henley Town have announced Brakspear Limited as a new sponsor.

The brewer is to sponsor the Hellenic Premier Division side's tracksuit worn by players at both home and away matches.

Henley Town are struggling in the league and are second bottom on just 12 points from 17 games.

Special award

FOOTBALL: Cambridge University's 160-year-old football club has been honoured with a special award for its contribution to the history of the beautiful game and its place as 'the oldest club in the world'.

Cambridge University Association Football Club (CUAFC) took its place in the National Football Museum Hall of Fame on October 19 alongside England greats such as defender Rio Ferdinand and goalkeeper David Seaman.

Adam eyes shot

GOLF: Oxford Golf Centre's Adam Wootton is eyeing a shot at next year's Wentworth tournament.

He is competing at the PGA Play-Offs at the Devon links of Saunton from Monday to today.

A top-10 finish would earn him a spot in next year's BMW PGA Championship at Wentworth, while a win or second-placed finish would grant him entry to the British Masters at Close House.

He is currently tied 10th after three rounds at +1. Round two was his best score with a card of -4 for the day.

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Former Premier League player Taylor inspires Vale's comeback

U's left to count the cost of letting slip a 2-0 lead

By George Welch

OXFORD United were left frustrated after they squandered a two-goal advantage to draw 2-2 at Port Vale on Saturday.

The U's worked hard to earn a 2-0 half-time lead through Chey Dunkley and Dan Crowley.

But an inspiring debut by Vale's former Newcastle United and Wigan Athletic defender Ryan Taylor saw his class shine through to eventually hit back to claim a draw with United at Vale Park.

Taylor – not to be confused with Oxford's striker Ryan Taylor who was an unused substitute on the day – joined the Staffordshire side on a short-term deal just 24 hours before the match.

However, there was nothing he could do as his team's opponents raced into a 2-0 lead. Dunkley was left all on his own to convert his first goal of the campaign from a corner on 11 minutes.

Shortly afterwards, Crowley added his second in as many matches in the same week the teenager opened his account for the club.

And it was a superb team goal as Chris Maguire slipped in Marvin Johnson to cut back to Crowley, who tapped the ball home into an empty net.

Two-nil up with well over an hour to play, the U's had been impish and bright, zipping the ball around and finding space all over the park.

Instead of shutting up shop, they continued to go forward in search of the third goal and it took a flying save from Jak Alnwick to palm away another Maguire free kick on the half hour.

But a Taylor-inspired second half meant the Yellows had to settle for a point. First, his free kick was nodded down into the path of Curaçaoan Rigino Cicilia, who prodded home his first goal in English football on 54 minutes.

The 6ft 6ins forward then used his size to pressurise defender Curtis Nelson into committing a foul in the box.

The stage was set for Taylor, Vale manager Bruno Ribeiro's 18th signing of the campaign, to calmly convert from the spot on the hour mark.

United continued to probe but they could not regain their lead, with Liam Sercombe, John Lundstram, Joe Rothwell and substitute Tyler Roberts all going close for the visitors.

Afterwards, U's head coach Michael Appleton branded the penalty awarded to the Valiants as "embarrassing".

In the last seven league games, United have had four penalties awarded against them – the three converted have cost the U's five points.

Port Vale	**2**
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• *Defender Chey Dunkley, in action here against Coventry City, scored his first of the season on Saturday (Picture by Steve Daniels)*

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